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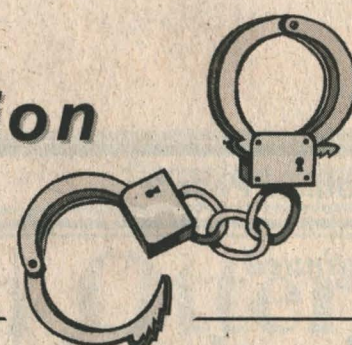
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Salaries for faculty on the rise

Daniel Otianga
Asst. to the Executive Editor

CSUSB faculty salaries will rise by three and a half to four percent this year. This is according to CSUSB President Albert Karnig.

"There will be a salary increase this year unless the legislature disapproves, which I don't think will happen," Karnig said. This announcement follows the California Faculty Association's (C.F.A.) recent protest for increased salaries.

Around 200 CSUSB faculty and students held a demonstration outside the Pfau Library on March 8, 2006. A number of faculty gave speeches at the event advocating for better pay for CSU employees. After the speeches, the protesters presented the president's office with student-signed petitions asking for the settlement of a fair contract with CSU faculty.

Karnig said that being a former lecturer himself, he understands that faculty needs better pay.

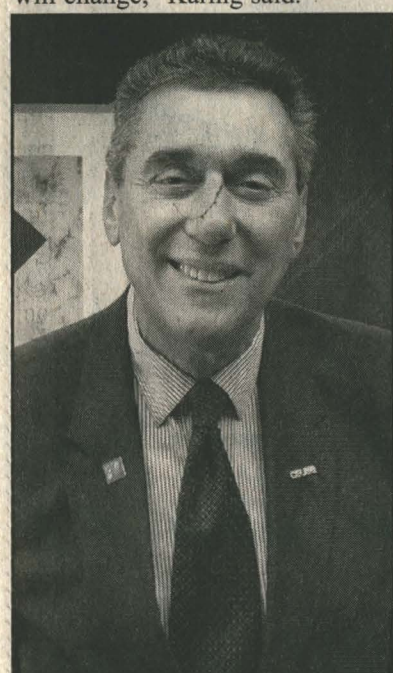
"Everybody knows that faculty salaries are low. Every effort is being made to impress it upon the governor and upon the legislature that faculty salaries are low," Karnig said.

He acknowledged that while the three and a half to four percent salary increase may not improve the situation, it is a step toward making things better.

The salary increase is a provision under the Higher Education Compact Agreement with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The agreement provided funding to compensate for the eight percent increase in student fees during the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

According to Karnig, faculty salaries are all dependant on the state of the economy. "The deficits have been so great that funding education was almost impossible," Karnig said. Education has had to compete for state funding with programs such as prisons, health and welfare. According to Karnig, a 13 percent increase in pay for faculty under these conditions would mean that some staff would have to get laid off.

"Everybody has done with less... people have had to work harder with less. Hopefully that will change," Karnig said.



Daniel Otianga/Chronicle
CSUSB President Albert Karnig in his office.

Parking fee increase, again?

Jacob Stark
Staff Writer

As the second phase of the parking fee program is about to begin, parking fees are set to increase again at CSUSB.

The three phase parking program started at the beginning of this school year.



Sarah Svoboda/Guest Photographer
Cars circle the parking lot constantly waiting for open spots.

Starting July 1, parking fees will increase to \$72 for a parking permit, and from \$3 to \$4 for daily passes.

The \$32 million project will provide two four-level parking structures, which will each hold up to 750 vehicles, bringing the campus parking capacity from 6,500 to 8,000, according to CSUSB Public Affairs.

All fees go directly to the construction of the parking structures, the parking services building and the new road.

The new parking structures will be located near the Coussoulis Arena and the Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum. Construction is set to begin later this year.

According to CSUSB Public Affairs, the third and final phase of the parking fee program goes into effect during the 2008-2009 school year.

The parking fee increase came at the recommendation of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, which is largely made up of students, in March 2004.

"This is ridiculous!" said Maiya Hasan, a CSUSB Theatre Arts Major. "I'm a student, which means I'm poor. It's not cool that I have to pay for a parking structure that I'm not even going to be able to use. I still have to search for 15 to 20 minutes for a parking spot."

According to CSUSB Public Affairs, compared to other



Sarah Svoboda/Guest Photographer
Maiya Hasan, like many students, has found the extra cost of parking permits to stretch an already stretched budget.

California State University campuses, even with the fee increase, CSUSB is in the bottom five for parking rates. East Bay, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, and the Maritime, are the bottom four colleges. Fourteen CSU campuses have higher parking rates than CSUSB.

"So! I'm sure all those other colleges have bigger student bodies, better parking, bigger and better campuses, better services for students," said Hasan.

"They have many other things we don't have, which is why they are paying more. Look, I'm not saying there isn't a problem. There definitely is. All I'm saying is that they could have found a better way to fix it than by making me broke."

CSUSB requires parking permits 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Permits are required on the first day of classes; there is no grace period. For more information you can contact the parking services office at (909) 537-5912.

The sober drunk driving experience



Malikah Riley/Chronicle
Brian Beldyga helps a student experience the simulation of driving under the influence while sober.

Malikah Riley
Staff Writer

Drinking and driving... not a good combination. This is why Brian Beldyga and Nathan Vanderploeg work so hard to keep our drivers sober.

These two men have dedicated years of their lives touring around the US and helping people realize the dangers of drunk driving.

On April 11, 2006 students at CSUSB received the chance to see what it was like to drive as a drunk driver. Many were surprised to see that they could not "handle" the situation.

What the brain sees is a later reaction time; therefore the body does not stop moving until the brain sees results.

What originated from a military based company project, turned into a way to try and save the lives of many. It was the first project ever made that tested the reaction of a drunk driver.

The project shows people while they are sober the harsh reality that they are not in control once alcohol is in their system.

It is a simulator that measures the body mass of the individuals, calculates if the person is male or female and, according to its

results, lets the person see how their brain would react to the certain influence of alcohol.

"This project is to show people from the sober perspective how a drunk driver perceives things," said Brian Beldyga. Beldyga, who is happy with the drunk driving simulator, was motivated to help others after personal experiences in his life.

The drunk driving simulator also includes two "windows", a rearview mirror and side view mirrors as if it were a real car. In addition, at the top of the screen is a box that shows the 'level of difficulty.' Zero is the lowest level of difficulty, meaning you have little or no alcohol in your system, and eleven being the hardest, which means you are completely drunk.

"People are so worried about swerving, but that's not why drunk drivers crash. [It's] because the person becomes a one track driver." Their research implies that a drunk driver does not know that he is drunk, but the focus of the drunk driver began to use tunnel vision.

Since the start of the project, the FAAC has the highest success rate of helping people realize the dangers of drunk driving. "I just want to see a difference... [people] need to realize that they are not invincible," Beldyga said.

Textbooks: wholesale vs. retail

Daniel McKay
Staff Writer

Students at CSUSB pay \$144.60 for the book entitled Biology at the Coyote bookstore. Students are constantly searching for the least expensive place to buy textbooks for school. The seventh edition book by Neil A. Campbell and Jane B. Reece is a required text for Biology 202, taken by many students as a general education requirement.

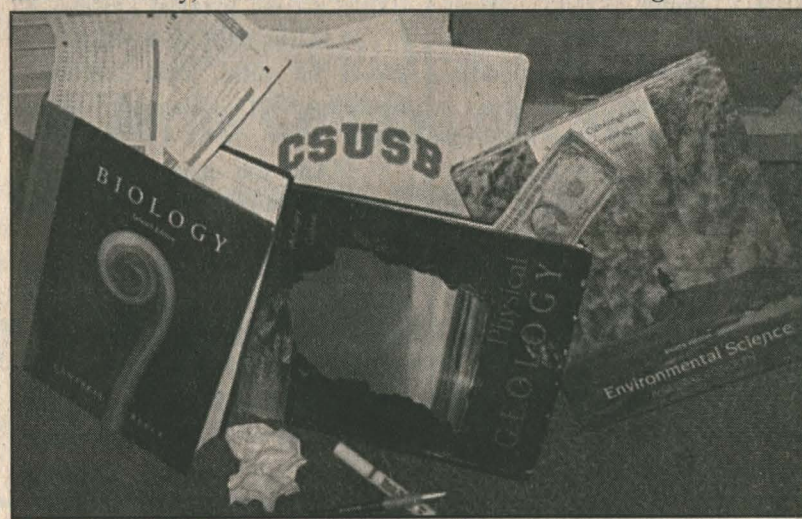
Three of the most frequently registered classes are NSCI 310, BIOL 202 and GEOL 101, in which we took an in depth look at their textbooks in the four most commonly used locations to buy books in the area.

These are the Coyote Bookstore on campus, the University Book Exchange, amazon.com and half.ebay.com.

A used price for the Biology book in hardcover is \$108.45 at the Coyote bookstore and a new price for the same book at University Book Exchange (UBE) on Kendall and University, near El Pollo

Loco, is \$122.96. Amazon.com is priced at \$142.67 while half.ebay.com sells for \$45.00. Half.ebay.com is the lowest price within these examples.

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Daniel McKay/Chronicle
Required texts for classes seem to be raising higher in price.

Recruiting veterans for CSUSB

Jaymes Merritt
Staff Writer

Nearly 60,000 veterans from California leave their military service each year.

Over 96 percent enroll in the federal Montgomery GI Bill programs, yet only 50 percent take advantage of these benefits.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California's mili-

tary base commanders and the California State University system hope to change those figures dramatically.

With the formation of the Veterans Education Opportunities Partnership, they just might have a chance to make it happen.

The partnership will create a model for veterans' education by developing an academic outreach,

admission and enrollment plan that targets and assists California veterans.

"Many of these veterans fit the profile of a typical California State University student, so we believe we have a lot to offer them," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

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Courtesy of csufresno.edu.
Soldiers are coming home to use the GI Bill to further their education and secure their futures.

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Textbook Costs

"One semester I spent over \$400 on textbooks alone to pay for four classes.

"I had to use almost two whole paychecks just to pay for them," said Michelle Eagan, CSUSB alumni.

Michelle works at a restaurant as a server to help pay for books, school supplies, gas and insurance for her car, and other products she has to pay for on her own.

The textbook Physical Geology for Geology 101 by Plummer, Carlson and McGeary is \$108.25 new and \$81.20 used at the Coyote bookstore.

It is \$102.19 to buy it from the McGraw Hill publishing company and Amazon.com.

It sells for \$94.34 at UBE and is available used on half.ebay.com for \$59.95.

When the publishing company McGraw Hill Inc. was called on April 13, the telephone operator declined to comment on the wholesale cost of the Physical Geology textbook.

"You are a student, I cannot tell you that information," said the operator.

According to the operator, only company members were qualified to get the wholesale price information.

Another frequently purchased book by CSUSB students is Environmental Science A Global Concern the eighth edition.

Coyote bookstore sells it for NSCI 310 new for \$119.40 and used for \$89.55.

UBE charges \$108.50 for the new ninth edition and Amazon.com is \$117.50 for the eighth edition.

Half.ebay.com was selling a new hardback copy for \$66.38 and would deliver in 2-6 business days.

"I found out about half.ebay.com after I graduated and felt I missed a great opportunity to save money.

"When I finish my Master's degree I plan on using the online book store to buy my books in the future," said Eagan.

Half.ebay.com has the lowest cost per textbook between the Coyote Bookstore, UBE and amazon.com.

For prices on textbooks from McGraw Hill Inc., they may be reached at 1(800) 262-4727.

Few graduates seek public service jobs

Kristy Evans
Staff Writer

A recent report shows schools may be affected by a lack of graduates seeking public service jobs due to increasing student debt.

Entitled "Paying Back, Not Giving Back- Students Debt's Negative Impact on Public Service Career Opportunities," the report was released this month by the State Public Interest Research Groups (PIRG).

PIRG is a non-profit, nonpartisan public interest advocacy group that conducts studies for the purpose of benefiting the public.

Their report suggests that graduate students are seeking non-public service jobs with higher entry level salaries in order to pay

off their school debt.

PIRGs' report examines unmanageable debt and how it affects graduates entering public service careers such as teaching and social work.

According to the report, unmanageable debt is referred to as loan payments that would have a measurable and burdensome impact on graduates' lives, and would likely "hinder their ability to pay for basic necessities."

Key findings in PIRG's report suggest that there is reason for growing concern when it comes to the amount of graduates entering public service jobs.

The report found that 23.2% of teachers entering the workforce after accruing debt from a four year public university would have

unmanageable debt.

The report also stated that 37.3% of social workers entering the field would be greatly affected by unmanageable debt.

After comparing the average student debt with average starting salaries, the study concluded that teachers and social workers may become a scarcity if debt is not reduced.

Education and The Workforce Committee (EWC) member Rep. George Miller (D-CA) recently commented on PIRG's findings in an April 6 press release, "Debt limits graduates' ability to pursue public service careers.

Many critical occupations, like teaching already suffer from shortages of highly qualified workers because of their lower starting salaries.

College students should graduate with limitless opportunities, not unlimited debt," said Miller.

Miller has asserted that he, along with other EWC members, is proposing solutions to increasing student debt.

Miller sponsors bipartisan legislation that would increase college scholarships by increasing the amount of money available to students through the Direct Loans Program.

Miller's legislation includes incentives for schools that choose

the Direct Loan program over other privately funded grants and scholarships.

While some graduates may be finding it hard to pay back debt accrued during college, others are finding ways to manage.

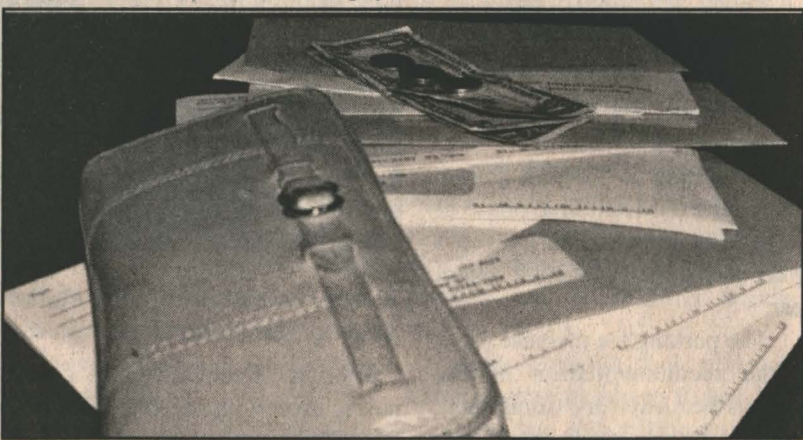
"I owed \$15,000 in school debt after graduating from CSUSB, but during that time I was a server at a restaurant which helped pay for my cost of living," said former CSUSB graduate Kristy Rostawicki.

"Since then I have supported

myself by having a part-time videography business. Now I am a teacher and my debt will slowly be paid down," said Rostawicki.

PIRG study was conducted as part of the Higher Education Project which was founded in 1994 in order to measure debt and the effects it has on graduate students' career choices.

According to PIRG's report, the goals of the Higher Education Project are to increase student aid and grant aid, while also striving to lower students cost of borrowing.



Kristy Evans/Chronicle

Balancing school, work, and families while keeping above debt is a juggling act most students fall prey to.

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Veterans obtain education benefits

tration officials, military leaders and leaders of the CSU and California Community College systems, the partnership will seek to provide education opportunities to veterans who are either California residents or are stationed in California at the time of their exit from the military.

"More Californians serve in the Armed Forces and muster out of the Armed Forces than any other state, and we have here in California the greatest system of higher public education, renowned across the world," said California Secretary of Education Alan Bersin.

"And the charge was very straight forward. Make this happen. Make California friendly."

One of the biggest advantages to this program is that these men and women will come to the community colleges and universities with \$30,000 to \$40,000 as part of their Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

It is not going to cost

California a lot of money because they're going to be paying their own way.

It will not cost the veteran students much, since they earned this money with their service to their country.

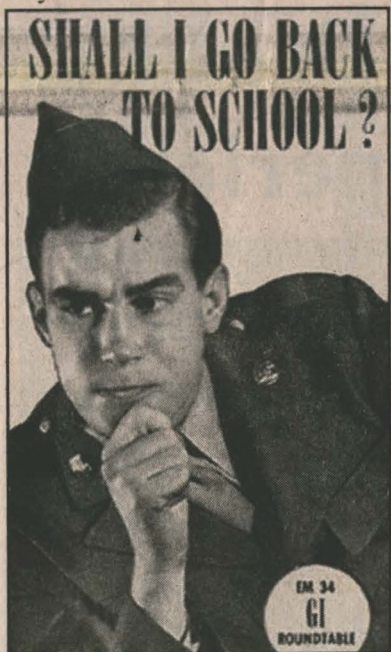
Another area of focus is dual enrollment for these veterans.

Some of these students will qualify to enroll in a community college and simultaneously enroll in the university to make up some of the math skills that may have been lost after being away from a classroom for four years, but still be gaining on their credits.

Credits that they have earned in the military may also count toward university credits.

"I'm here to tell you they're smart, they're tough, they're mature, they are exactly the kind of citizens that we want for this great state," said Major General Mike Lehnert, Commanding General of the Marine Corps Installation West.

"The qualities that they have will bring this state forward onto even greater achievements than they've achieved so far."



Courtesy of historycooperative.org

.Going back to school can be a difficult decision after several years away from school.

Incident reports

Date: 04-12-06

Incident: Disturbance

Description: At approximately 7:40 pm an officer had to break up a near fight between groups of students from two fraternities that were participating in an event at the Student Union.

Date: 04-10-06

Incident: Annoying Phone Calls

Description: Since February 2006, a staff member in the Faculty Office Building has been receiving numerous annoying phone calls on her cell phone.

The caller is unknown to the staff member; however, the staff member provided the responding officer the telephone number of the caller.

Date: 04-10-06

Incident: Driver under the influence

Description: Officers stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. During their investigation they found the driver, a non-student, to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. The driver was arrested and the vehicle impounded.

Date: 04-06-06

Incidents: Vandalism & Evade Police Officer

Description: Off road motorcycle observed by officers riding through a group of students attending a PE class on the athletic field. Damage to the athletic field also occurred from the motorcycle. Officers initiated enforcement stop and motorcycle fled across little badger hill into Devils Canyon. Follow up investigation pending.

Date: 04-06-06

Incident: Vandalism

Description: An officer contacted a student in parking lot D who witnessed two men break a window with a sledgehammer to a vehicle parked in the parking lot at approximately 8:15 pm.

The owner of the vehicle was a student of the university, located, and informed of the damage. The witness could not provided identifying information about the suspects.

Date: 04-06-06

Incident: Vandalism

Description: Officer responded to

building #5 of the University Apartments in reference to a broken window.

A student reported he returned to his dorm at about midnight after being away for the day and found his apartment window broken. A rock was found on the floor of the room, and no witnesses were located.

Date: 04-03-06

Incident: Warrant Arrest

Description: At approximately 9:30 am, a driver was contacted by a sergeant in the parking lot of Farmer Boys, 1756 W. Kendall Drive, for a vehicle code violation. The Sergeant initially saw the driver in the area of Northpark Blvd. and Sierra Drive.

During the contact, the sergeant discovered that the driver and the 2 passengers had outstanding warrants. One of the passengers was considered armed and dangerous and had a felony warrant for a parole violation, and the other passenger had an outstanding, misdemeanor warrant for burglary. All individuals were non-affiliated with the university.

Date: 04-03-06

Incident: Hit and Run Accident - Property Damage Only

Description: At approximately 5:48 pm, a student's vehicle was hit by an unknown driver in the area of Northpark Blvd. and University Parkway. The unknown driver then fled the scene.

Officers did an area check for the suspect's vehicle, but the officers could not locate it. There was a partial plate of the suspect's vehicle given to the officers by the victim.

Date: 04-03-06

Incident: Burglary

Description: Officers were called to Joshua Dorm regarding a past burglary.

During the investigation, it was determined that an unknown person entered a dorm room and stole various computer games and equipment. There were no signs of forced entry and both keys were accounted for.

Campus Incident Reports
Courtesy of the Campus Police Department.

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This weeks news briefs

Film makers Honored

The sixth annual Phoenix Film Festival turned out to be a big hit; this years attendance broke last years record. The film festival presented the Copper Wing Awards which took place on March 23-30 at the Arizona Republic Festival pavilion at the Harkins Scottsdale 101. The Copper Wing Awards honors some of the finest films and performances. More than 150 films were screened at the festival; in addition, there were seminars, celebrity interviews, tributes and parties. For more information about the Phoenix Film Festival and the winners of the Copper Wing Awards visit www.phoenix-filmfestival.com.

Dining Venues for Student Union

The student union is now open and there are plenty of new dining venues for students to enjoy. In addition, the Commons Dining Hall introduces its new breakfast and dinner buffets for students to enjoy. Below is a list of the venues and buffet services and their operating hours:

Santos Manuel Student Union:

Starbucks Café (located on the first floor) Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Coyote Café (located on the first floor) Featuring Pizza Hut, KFC, Fresh Soups, Morning Hot Cereals, Burgers, Salads and Sandwiches
Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-2p.m.

Coyote Express III (located on the first floor) Snacks, Drinks, Salads, Sandwiches, Grocery Items, Magazines, Schedules, and more!
Mon.-Thurs. 7:45a.m.-8p.m., Fri. 7:45a.m.-2p.m.

Taco Bell - Coming Soon! (located on the second floor) Mon.-Thurs. 10:30a.m.-9p.m., Fri 10:30a.m.-6p.m.

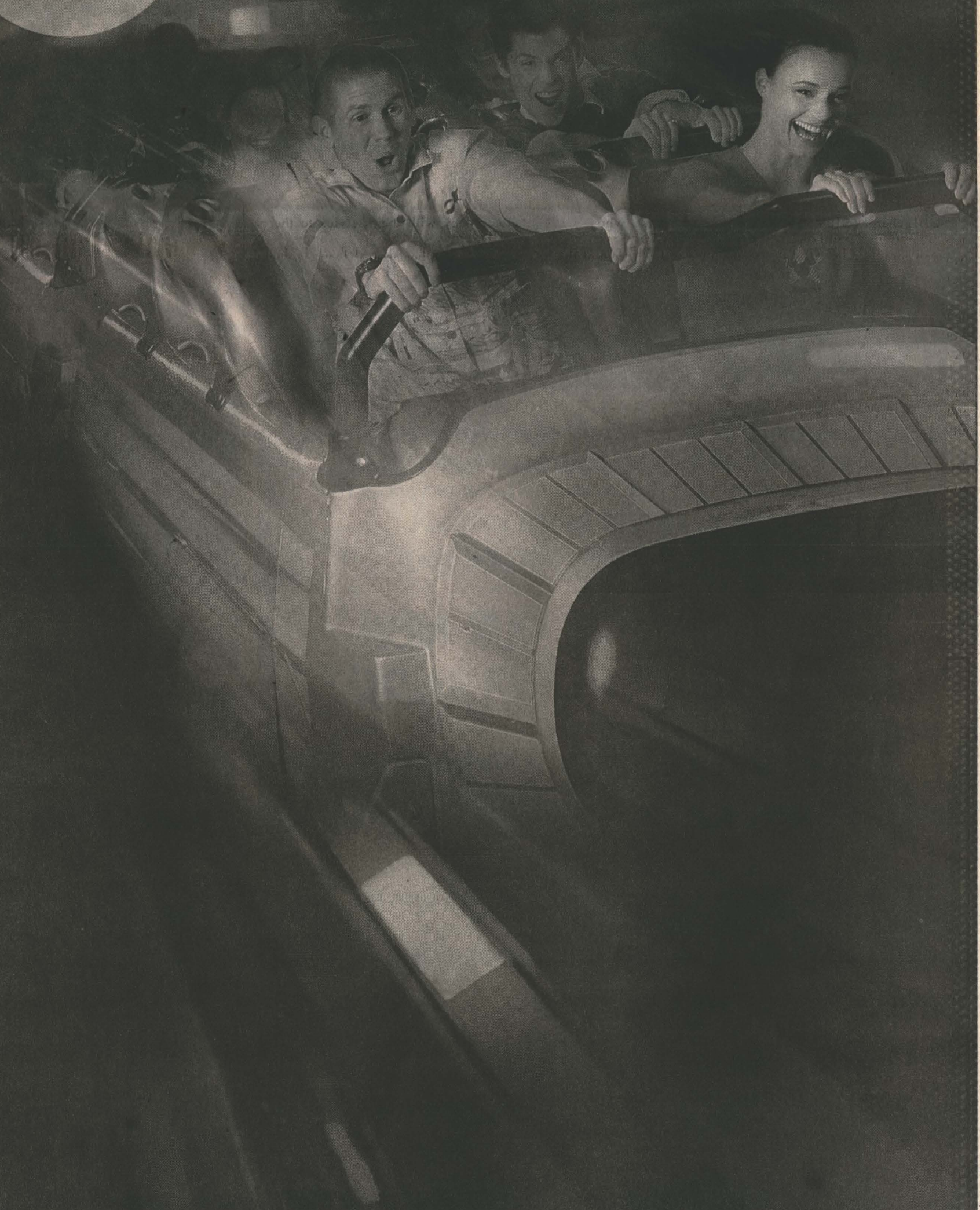
The Pub - Coming Soon! (located on the second floor) Mon.-Thurs. 11:00a.m.-9p.m., Fri. 11:00a.m.-6p.m.

Commons Dining Hall

Breakfast Buffet: Mon.-Fri. 7:30a.m.-10a.m. Lunch: Mon.-Fri. 11a.m. - 2p.m. Mon.-Fri. 2p.m.-4p.m. (Snacks, and Drinks available only)
Dinner Buffet: Mon.-Thurs. 4p.m.-6:30p.m.
Weekends: Sat.: 11:00a.m.-3p.m., Sun.: 2:00p.m. - 6p.m.

The grill, sandwich bar, pasta bar, Mexican food, and salad bar will still be available.

BLAST OFF!



CSUSB showcases talent

Yesenia Martinez
Staff Writer

The Student Union Program Board's 5th Annual Talent Show was a big success.

The talent show was the first entertainment event held by the program board in the Santos Manuel Student Union.

This event was held on Friday, April 7 to flourish the new talents that stride our campus.

Erika Nunez, event coordinator, said, "This was our best show ever, and I can't wait to see what the next year might bring."

This talent show was organized by the elegantly dressed SUPB, who did a great job in making it happen.

Daniel Baeza, a student from the program board, said, "I feel very pleased with the fact that I took a part in this. The SUPB really offers great opportunities to us college students."

Doors were opened to the public and everyone was admitted free of cost.

What made it even more interesting was the fact that they had a mime who sat people. Even though at times attendees were embarrassed, it did not stop the audience from laughing.

It was off to a great start when the show finally began. Erika Nunez, looked beautiful in a silk dress, began the show and welcomed everyone to the talent show.

She introduced the three judges for the night, Dr. Robert Dunham and Dr. Eva Mae Pisciotto from the Music department and Catherine Erickson from the Theatre department.

The judges had the responsibility of observing every performance by judging their on-stage presence, originality and skills.

The prizes for the winners in singing, dancing, acting, and contemporary included a \$200 gift

card for first place, a \$50 gift card for second and \$500 to the overall best performance.

All participants demonstrated their talents and skills. "I was amazed to see one of my peers up onstage singing.

I would have never figured she had such a strong voice," said CSUSB student Mayra Hernandez.

However, not every participant could win, which was the hard part for the judges. The ballots were in, and the students from the Student Union Program Board announced the winners.

The winners were as follows: Best Performance, Tanya and Araceli Bonillas (Dancing); 1st place singing- Colle Koffi, 2nd place singing- Chelle Cole and Alecks Short.

First place dancing- Raychel Price, 2nd place dancing- Jonathan Pangan. First place acting- Ricardo Valencia, 2nd place acting- Jennifer Haynes.

First place contemporary- Celissa Van, 2nd place contemporary- Carlos Lopez.

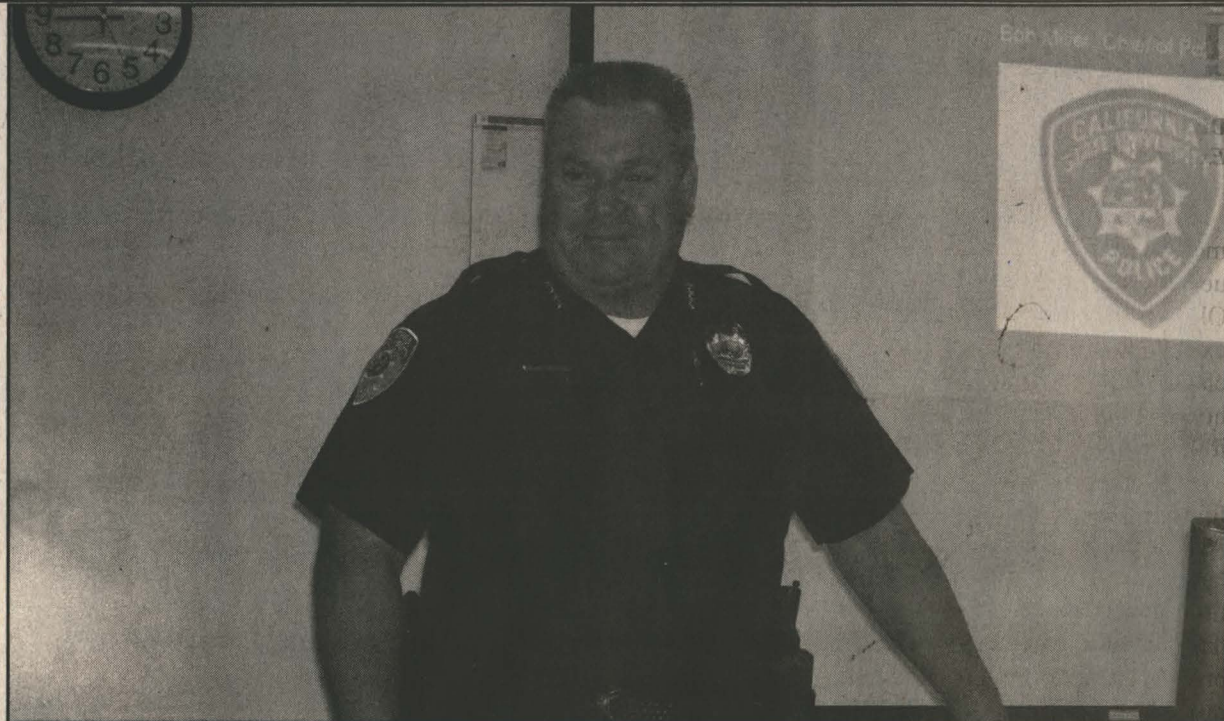
The talent show contained everything from comedy to dramatic acting and singing. The talent show is one event that is sure to be a great asset to the program board.

Erika Nunez said, "Everything turned out good." If students would like to be a part of the SUPB, and plan entertainment events for CSUSB such as the Talent Show, you can e-mail Erika Nunez at enunez@csusb.edu or contact her at (909) 537-3236.

The SUPB members work five hours a week, handle campus events, and receive \$100 monthly stipend.



Yesenia Martinez/ Chronicle
Students from the Student Union Program Board pose for a picture.



Vanessa Cruz/ Chronicle
Chief of Police Robert Miller as he speaks at the open forum about crime prevention on March 12.

Open forum on crime prevention

Vanessa Cruz
Staff Writer

The CSUSB Police Department held an open forum on crime prevention and crime statistics in the Panorama Room on March 12, 2006.

Chief Robert Miller displayed a map that showed crime incidents on campus between Feb. '05 and Feb. '06.

The map showed that in the past 12 months, there have been 30 grand theft autos and 48 burglaries.

Chief Miller said that most of the misdemeanors occur around the housing areas and parking lots.

Police have spoken to the resident assistants and housing for tips on crime prevention.

Besides crimes involving car theft and burglaries, the crime rates are very low compared to other offenses, including rape and assault.

Approximately 90 percent of the crimes mentioned were not affiliated with the students here on campus.

Chief Miller said that they were either students' friends or

random people trying to cause trouble. Lt. Jimmie Brown spoke about ways students can avoid becoming a victim of crime.

He said that if someone wants to report an emergency, he or she should call 9-1-1 from the campus phones because they go directly to dispatchers.

Callers should be sure to provide a call back number other than the campus phone. Brown also said that if a student sees something suspicious going on, he or she should report it. Do not approach a suspicious person, call the police, and describe what exactly is going on.

Some safety methods to be cautious include telling friends who you are going out with, where you are going and what time you expect to be back.

Try not to walk alone at night, and if you need assistance, there are police escort services.

Do not prop doors or carry large sums of money. Brown said that if you stay away from these areas, it should be a lot safer.

Chief Miller said that there is, "No major gang problem." Although there may be graffiti,

this is not a gang area.

The University Police are here to help problem solve and provide customer service. Chief Miller said he takes pride in this department and staff.

"It is our pleasure to come to the campus community... students can come to Police officers because we are very open."

Lately, campus police have been cracking down on traffic enforcement to cut down on accidents.

With all of the new buildings going up, there is bound to be more traffic going in and out of the campus.

University Police Services investigate, monitor alarms, run lost-and-found, and provide special security at events, escort services and Live Scan services. Campus Police are the same as any other police department.

They have the same certifications, and go through the same trainings and respond like any other agency.

They respond to all emergencies, such as police, fire or medical situations. So make sure to contact them in case of emergency.

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The 'Greeks' get sporty for events

Elizabeth Tomzik
Staff Writer

Greek Sports Week brings unity to the sororities and fraternities that are a part of the CSUSB campus community.

Through the week of April 9-15, members of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), Pan-Hellenic Council (PHC) and the United Sorority and Fraternity Council (USFC) came together in hopes to claim the title of Greek Sports Week Champion.

The women of Alpha Phi (PHC), Alpha Delta Pi (PHC), Delta Sigma Chi (USFC), Kappa Delta (PHC), Lambda Theta Alpha (USFC) and Zeta Tau Alpha (PHC) competed in dodge ball, soccer, volleyball and softball.

Allison Copeland, the Director of Activities for the Pan-Hellenic Council, said, "This was such a great event to bring the different governing councils together...It was fun, competitive and [brought] out the spirit of Greek unity."

The men of Delta Sigma Chi (USFC), Lambda Theta Phi (USFC), Sigma Chi (IFC), Sigma Nu (IFC) and Sigma Phi Epsilon (IFC) in football, volleyball, basketball and dodge ball.

Jason Fredrickson, the Director of Activities for the Inter-Fraternity Council, said, "[Greek week is when we bring our] athletic prowess to the field to unite and come together."

Scott Carney of Sigma Phi Epsilon said, "Greek week is the only thing that the Greeks are willing to do together."

Delta Sigma Chi claimed the title of Women's Greek Week Champ followed by last year's winners Alpha Phi, Kappa Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Delta Pi and Lambda Theta Alpha consecutively. Before soccer, Sigma Phi Epsilon held title of Men's Greek Week Champ followed by Lambda Theta Phi, Sigma Chi, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu, who was last years champ.



Courtesy of Emilee Feller
Alpha Delta Pi softball team poses for the camera during Greek Week.



Courtesy of Emilee Feller
Alpha Delta Pi dodgeball team during Greek Week.

Reach an old age with healthy diet

Diana Reyes
Executive Editor

Okinawa is Japan's southernmost island with a culture who values a healthy body, mind, and soul. Okinawans have the longest life expectancy in the world. They classify the goodness of food by how healthy it is, not by how good it tastes.

Okinawans have 80 percent fewer heart attacks than Americans. If they do happen to have a heart attack, they are most likely to survive and recover faster than anyone else. Breast cancer, prostate cancer, and obesity are rarely heard of.

Could the Okinawans' amazing health be a positive effect of what they eat? Researchers Bradley and Craig Willcox and Makoto Suzuki published the best-selling book called "The Okinawa Program," which describes the Okinawa way of living and their diet.

So how do you get to live to

be 100 and remain healthy? You don't need to pack your bags and move to Japan to eat like an Okinawan.

Here are seven Okinawan food facts given by Jennifer Harrison in an FYI about the Okinawan Diet for UC Davis Health System that will help you jumpstart to a new healthy way of living. Welcome some good carbohydrates into your body by eating seven to 13 whole grains a day.

Aim to have at least one to three servings of fish a day in your diet. Have two servings of soy and two servings of calcium-rich foods everyday.

Drink tea and more tea, a few cups after that. You have to drink at least six glasses of tea per day. Drink plenty of water. Okinawans drink as much as they can hold, up to 12 cups of water per day. To begin, just drink six to eight cups of water per day.

Last but not least, stop eating when you feel 80 percent full. Yes it sounds difficult to try and meas-

ure what 80 percent of fullness is, but try to stop yourself as best as you can before you get completely full. Stop when you no longer feel hungry.

A good tip to know when you are 80 percent full would be to wait about 20 minutes after you put your fork down because it usually takes about 20 minutes for your stomach to send the "I'm full" signal to your brain.

Okinawans also practice meditation to relax the body and mind. They maintain strong family ties, and do perform some type of physical activity everyday.

Start off slowly, and gradually replace your old health habits with the Okinawan health habits. Making the transition can be difficult and overwhelming, but worth it in the end!

Following these seven Okinawan food facts, meditating, and exercising at least three times a week for thirty to forty-five minutes, will lead to a healthier body, and mind.

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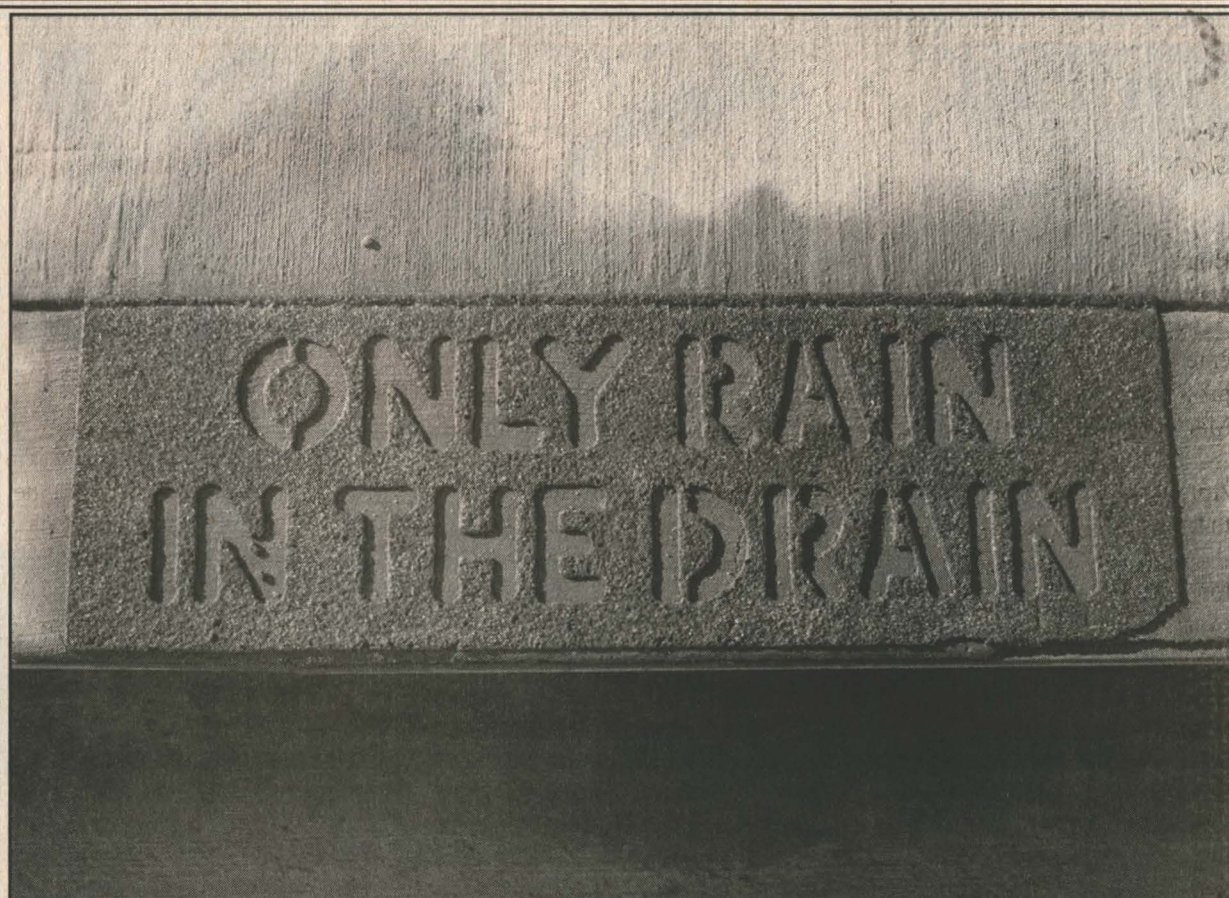
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Jennifer Kent/Chronicle

Sometimes signs just are not as effective as they are hoped to be. We drink poison everyday.

CSUSB to host perchlorate clean-up seminar

Jennifer Kent
Staff Writer

There is poison in our water. This poison is called perchlorate.

According to the EPA's website, perchlorate is a chemical that is primarily used as an ingredient of solid rocket propellant. Unfortunately, companies manufacturing and improperly disposing of perchlorate contribute to the pollution of our ground water that can have detrimental effects on people.

Studies conducted by the EPA have found that high concentrations of perchlorate in drinking water can hinder thyroid function. When consuming the water it does not pose much of a threat to adults, but since children are still rapidly developing, it can have harmful effects.

Thyroid problems triggered by drinking contaminated water can tamper with the production of various hormones, such as thyroxine and triiodothyronine. Both of these hormones regulate metabolism, growth and the rate of oxidation in cells.

The current water treatment technique being practiced in our area is an ion exchange system and has already proven to be highly effective.

However, the problem lies in the cost of maintenance and disposal of the high amounts of secondary waste.

When perchlorate and other contaminants, such as nitrates, are removed from our water supply, they are required to be dumped in special landfills that are sealed with clay. This insures that the

perchlorate stays in the dumping facility and do not seep back into our ground water. As you can imagine, these facilities are limited and costly.

Measurements of perchlorate concentration are expressed in parts per billion (ppb). The EPA recommends no more than four ppb in our water at any given time and the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment recommends six ppb. Unfortunately, areas of San Bernardino County have been recorded to have anywhere from 30 to 60 ppb.

"When you reach such high levels of perchlorate per billion, the bioreactor starts to make economic sense," said Greg Zerovnik, Communications Manager of the Office of Technology Transfer & Commercialization (OTTC).

The bioreactor is a technology engineered by the Center for Environmental Microbiology (CEM) that relies on bacteria. The bacteria reside deep underground and thrive on perchlorate and other compounds that have proven harmful to humans.

What CEM has done is brought the bacteria to the surface and implanted them into a cylindrical container filled with holes. The bacteria adhere to the many surfaces of the cylinder as it is placed in a tank containing our ground water. As the water makes its way through the holes of the cylinder, the bacteria eats all of the perchlorate.

The holes are aligned in such a way to allow for maximum water circulation to eliminate as much contamination as possible.

Rialto hosted the first test of the bioreactor and has been witness to wildly successful results.

Perchlorate concentration dropped from a whopping 600 ppb to a level so low that there isn't even an instrument in existence that can detect the amount of contamination. The only bi-product of the bioreactor was sodium, chlorine, oxygen, and hydrogen - essentially table salt and water.

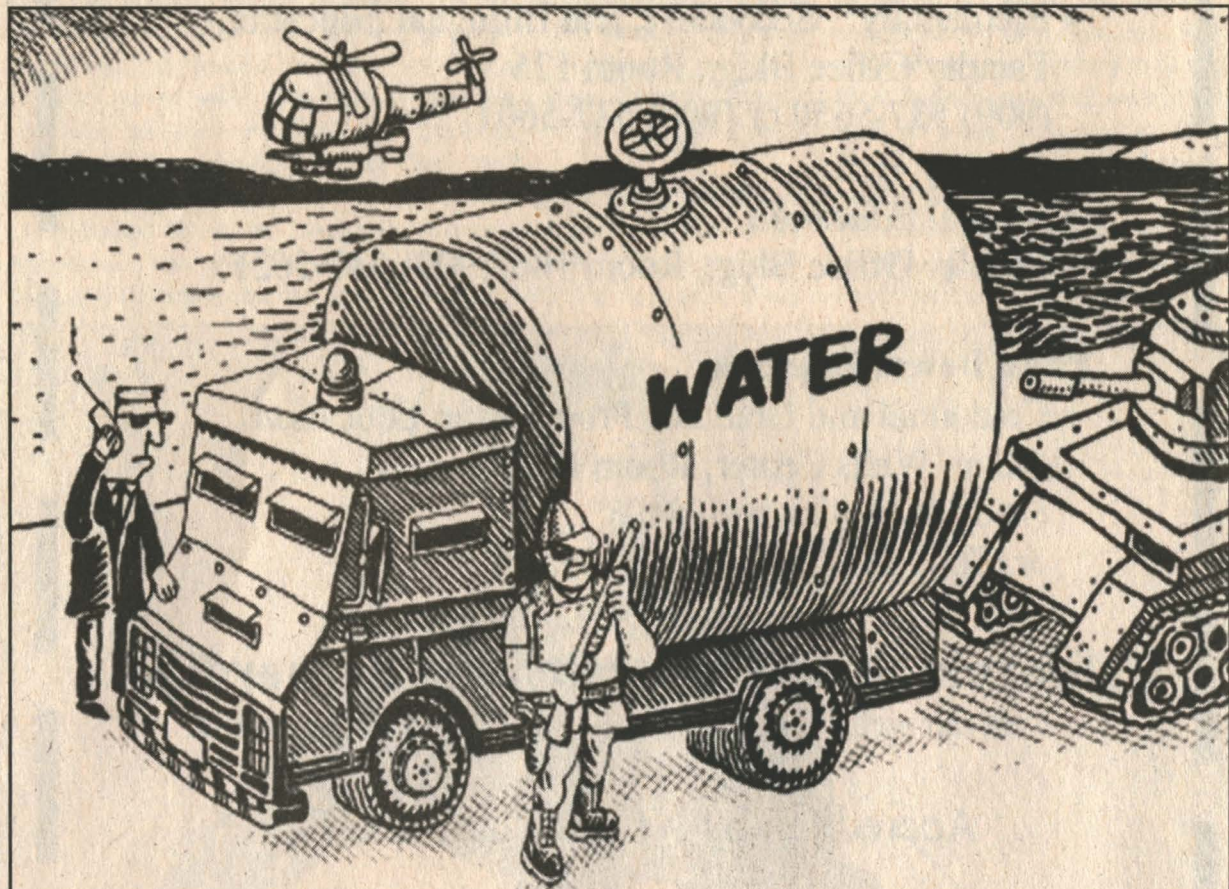
The most apparent drawback to the bioreactor is that the initial installation tends to be costly. But when weighed against the costs of upkeep associated with the ion exchange system, there really is no comparison. And with all the money saved, there is no doubt that we will see a significant decrease in our water bills.

The next step in the saga of the bioreactor is to gain permits to make this technology available on a large scale.

Scheduled to attend the seminar are representatives from CEM, the OTTC, Lockheed (a large government defense organization), and the General Manager of West Valley Water District who hosted the Rialto experiment.

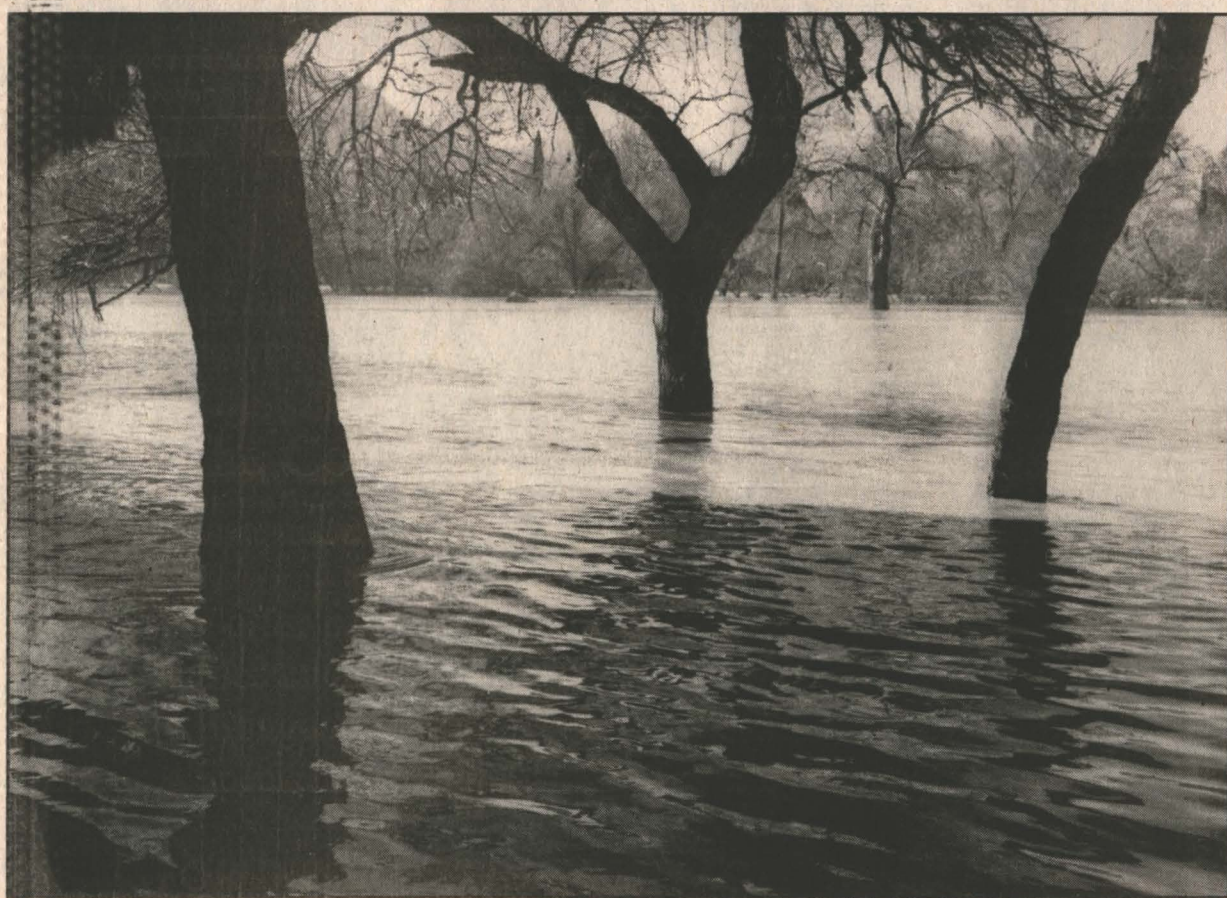
These permits are hard to obtain without a base of supportive citizens like ourselves, so the OTTC and the Water Resources Institute are hosting an informational seminar on April 21 from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Union. Free lunch and a TGIF reception are also included.

Tickets are free to CSUSB students and faculty; phone registration is required by April 19. To attend, please call (909) 537-7766.



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Photograph from the "Paving Paradise" exhibition, copyright Sant Khalsa. Black and white photographs spanning almost 30 years can be viewed through May 13.

Urbanization of a river

'Paving Paradise': Photography at Robert V. Fullerton Museum

Jaen-Paul LaBrada
Staff Writer

"Paving Paradise," the latest exhibit at the CSUSB Robert V. Fullerton Museum, shows us the delicate balance between nature and human interference.

The brainchild of Sant Khalsa, chair of CSUSB's Art Department, the exhibit explores the 96-mile stretch of the Santa Ana River from Heart Bar to Huntington Beach.

Khalsa chose to explore the Santa Ana River via black and

white photographs spanning a 26-year period.

"I first became interested in this project in 1980 after the Panorama Fires...the exhibit is still a work in progress," said Khalsa.

"Paving Paradise" depicts a history of the Santa Ana River, allowing the viewer to see the river's beginning, channelization, diversion and ultimately, its current state- urbanization and destruction. The exhibit's title, "Paving Paradise," denotes the river's urbanization.

The exhibit is divided historically and geographically. "Paving Paradise" addresses three basic stages of the river- drought, fire and flood.

While at the same time allowing the viewer to see the environmental issues that plague the river, such as air and land pollution, Khalsa said she hopes this exhibit helps people "become aware of their environment and how their actions and inactions affect our eco-system."

Khalsa's "Paving Paradise" runs through May 13.

Lots of laughs, but little substance

Robert Mogensen
Staff Writer

The comedy "The Benchwarmers," which is about three oddball baseball players, is in theaters now.

Directed by Dennis Dugan, "The Benchwarmers" stars Rob Schneider, David Spade, and Jon Heder, better known as "Napoleon Dynamite."

This film is PG-13 and runs 80 minutes.

Gus, played by Schneider, challenges some local bullies to a game of baseball after he sees them picking on some smaller kids.

With the help of his nerdy buddies, Richie (Spade) and Clark (Heder), Gus and the newly assembled team destroy the bullies in a game of baseball.

Actually, Gus pretty much destroys the team by himself. The two other players just fling the bat around and hit themselves more than they hit the ball.

One of the kids picked on by the bullies goes home and tells his father what happened. The nerdy billionaire father, played by Jon Lovitz, asked the three men to make a team and play against all the mean little league baseball teams in the state.

They then decide to participate in the tournament. The winners are to get a new baseball stadium and a chance to let anyone use the field.

Along the way they get some help from baseball legend Reggie Jackson.

Even though Richie and Clark are pretty much the two worst baseball players who ever lived, they slowly start finding their way with the help of Gus.

Clark's biggest problem is throwing the bat over the fence

when he swings. Gus helps him out with that. Unfortunately, it is too late for a certain three squirrels that will never eat an acorn again.

I thought the movie had a lot of laughs, but the story was too weak for me to call it a good movie.

I think the film was carried by the comedy of Jon Heder, who last starred in Napoleon Dynamite. If you liked him in that movie, you will like him in this role as the characters are very similar.

There were many scenes where I laughed. Let's just face it, people doing dumb things is funny. Unfortunately, there were some parts that were too farfetched for me to enjoy.

The soundtrack gave the movie a comical feel with songs like "Alright," by Supergrass in the background while they are

smashing mailboxes with their baseball bats.

"The Benchwarmers" was not made to please the critics. The cinematography and aesthetics of the film were not even noticeable.

This movie was made to tell a stupid story in the way a lot of kids like- with potty humor. The script was very weak and called for scenes dealing with nose picking, vomiting, eating sun-screen, small genitalia, farting in kids faces, and other gross humor.

I do not always enjoy this style of humor, but the performances of the actors made the style of comedy enjoyable for me to watch. Schneider, Spade, and Heder make a funny comical team, but good acting can't save a silly story. If you are looking for a movie with a little plot, but a lot of laughs, go see this movie.



Photo courtesy of Darren Michaels/Revolution Studios. Spade, Heder and Schneider star in "The Benchwarmers."

'Geisha' better second time around

Michelle Organo
Staff Writer

"Memoirs of a Geisha" is a prestigious cinematic spectacle and is based on the book by Arthur Golden. The film was nominated for six Oscars at the 2006 ceremony and won three awards for technical categories.

The film made \$57,010,853 in the box office with an additional \$11,270,000 in rentals in the first two weeks.

This film had controversy because the director used Chinese actors to play Japanese roles. Japanese people thought that it was not fair that Chinese actors were playing Japanese roles when the movie is a major part of the Japanese culture.

Despite that it still was one of the best films made, I never noticed that Chinese were playing the roles because all the actors portrayed their parts well. If I were Japanese, I would be proud that the Geishas were portrayed in such an elegant manner.

This motion picture is about Nitta Sayuri, (played by Suzuka Ohgo as a child and Ziyi Zhang as an adult), who was separated from her family and sold as a child to a Geisha house.

She dealt with heartache and struggle to become the best Geisha with the help of her mentor Mameha (Michelle Yeoh). The Chairman (Ken Watanabe) who helped get her into Geisha school eventually became her love interest when she became an adult.

I think the movie was fantastic, not only in theaters, but also on DVD. When I watched the DVD I was so excited to see it again and I was not disappointed because the DVD was better. This movie showed style over substance. The cast and crew did not hold back about how proud they were with their achievement on the film.

In the disc commentaries, director Rob Marshall and producer John DeLuca shared their thoughts on the movie and provided a good story line for the film. There is also a second commentary with the technical artisans that film/design students can enjoy.

The second disc has almost a dozen featurettes that cover film angles when making the movie. It also shows how the movie relates to the book, how the actresses studied techniques of geishas, and even showed ways to cook Japanese dishes.

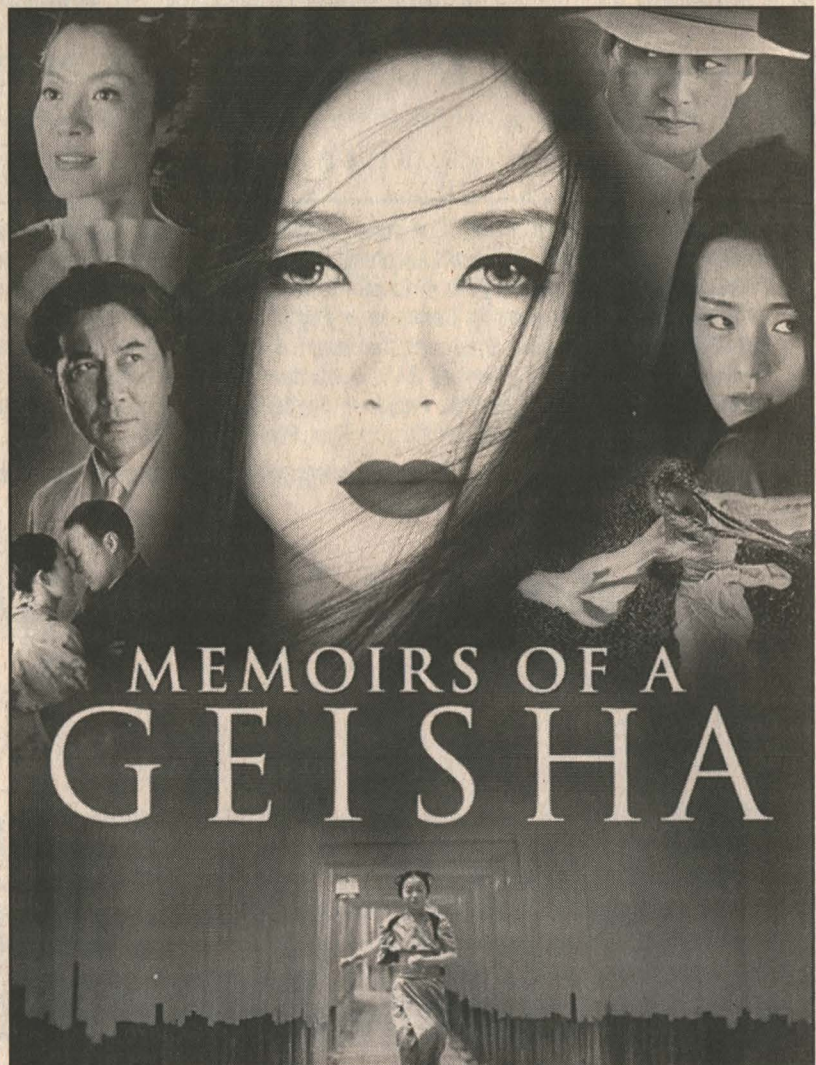
What was missing in the film that I looked forward to were the deleted scenes. However, given the length and format of the film,

every scene could have been used.

The audio in the DVD matched the vivid colors of the video using Dolby Digital 5.1 soundtrack. It also has a French Dolby Digital 5.1 track with options to use English and French subtitles.

The outstanding 2.40:1 widescreen transfer gives the film a crisp feel from dark scenes to those brightly-lit. I think this film has beautiful presentation and it is like being back in the theater.

This is a movie that everyone should have in his or her collection. If you missed out watching it on the big screen then do not miss the opportunity to by the film on DVD.



Courtesy of Sony Pictures. The "Memoirs" DVD offers many worthwhile special features.

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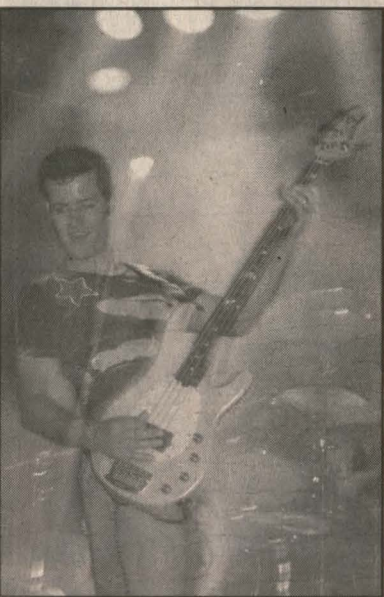
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Band pushes in rise to success

Idasas rocks the Inland Empire



Courtesy of Jenna Kimball. Frontman Dave Strickland.



Courtesy of Jenna Kimball. Rikki Sterling playing his bass.

Pablo Garcia
Staff Writer

With a reputation for being the next big band to spring up from the Inland Empire, Idasas is not to be missed.

Idasas is a new, up-and-coming local band who stays true to their own style. They are the brain child of best friends Jason Faix (drums) and Eric Delgado (guitar and vocals).

Their story began with a phone call from Faix to Delgado saying, "We have to start a band right now...today."

The two got together and wrote "Nebraska," the band's first single, that same day. After finding frontman Dave Strickland and bassist Rikki Sterling, Idasas hit the studio within two weeks. Idasas has since recorded four songs for their demo.

The band's style is mainstream with a twist and they draw their influence from bands like Foo Fighters, Jimmy Eat World and Smashing Pumpkins.

The band has a medium sound- not so loud that your ears would hurt after the set, but not so soft that their music would go unnoticed.

The band's overall feel, however, is more reminiscent of a cross between The Eagles and Queen.

"Each one of our songs sounds different unlike other



Courtesy of Jenna Kimball. Jason Faix, Rikki Sterling, Eric Delgado, and Dave Strickland (L to R) are Idasas, a promising band based out of the Inland Empire.

garage bands that are out there," said Jason Faix. Although each member has different tastes in music, they all work well together to create Idasas' unique sound.

Their single, "Nebraska" is an anthem of empowerment to the belief in oneself, according to Faix. The band maintains a positive theme throughout their album. The lyrics are well written and do not alienate the listener.

The band had a big break

when they performed at the Sunset strip's infamous Whisky A Go-Go. The band even hired the famous stylist Michael Purdy to help get them ready for their big gig.

Aside from venues such as the Whisky, the band has performed at local IE venues such as the Boiler Room in Redlands.

"The turn out for our concerts have been amazing, it's been real positive," said Delgado. Idasas has

future plans to play at more local venues, but is currently focused on hitting the studio in order to record.

"We feel a connection with our audience as we write songs that are about our current living situations," said Faix.

Idasas uses the local community as their platform to become better known in the area. They draw support from sponsors like X103.9 FM, and are also finding a

growing audience on MySpace.com.

"I totally was blown away when I saw Idasas at the Boiler Room," said Jenna Kimball, a University of Redlands student.

The band has been networking with the local area to get their name out in the community. The band is currently being looked at by Virgin Records.

To check out Idasas music visit, www.myspace.com/idasas.

Come gather 'round, people

Esteban Loya
Guest Writer

The times are a changin', and they certainly have changed Bob Dylan. But what has not changed about this American music icon is that even now, at the age of 65, he can still put on a concert and deliver the goods, and in great fashion, too.

Dylan recently performed at the Aladdin Amphitheatre on Friday, April 7 in Las Vegas. Opening for Dylan was legendary country singer Merle Haggard and his band. Haggard put on a good show, always a favorite among the crowd with his well known criminal record and his crossover skills from a guitar to a fiddle.

This is not the first time Dylan has teamed up and gone on tour with another music legend. During the 80's, he toured with Jerry Garcia and The Grateful Dead. He has also toured with Tom Petty. Last year, he went on tour with hippie country singer Willie Nelson.

Although Dylan and Haggard produce a very different sound, they are both responsible for "elec-

trifying" the genre of music they each pertain to. Haggard was among the first to plug in an electric guitar and play country music, as Dylan did with folk. Such "folk-rock" hits of his include "Desolation Row," "Highway 61 Revisited," and "Like a Rolling Stone."

He kicked off his show with "The Times They Are A-Changin'," one of his best recognized protest songs of the 60's. Staying true to typical Dylanesque demeanor, he played the whole concert on keyboard and faced the right side of the stage the entire time.

His current touring band has a very unique sound, combining blues, rock, jazz, and folk in order to interpret Dylan's songs. You can check them out in the 2003 film "Masked and Anonymous," which he stars in. His band not only puts a fresh new twist on the songs, but also strips them of their anthemic qualities, which Dylan is always striving for.

Among the songs performed that night were such hits as "It Ain't Me, Babe," "Stuck Inside of Mobile with the Memphis Blues

Again," "Lay, Lady, Lay" (with a killer harmonica solo on Dylan's behalf), and "Ballad of a Thin Man." He capped off the show with an encore presentation of "Like a Rolling Stone," which had every person on the amphitheatre on their feet shouting every word.

Finally, he ended the night with Jimi Hendrix's version of "All Along the Watchtower." Dylan plays Hendrix's version not only as a tribute to him, but because Dylan feels that Hendrix was able to capture the essence of the song.

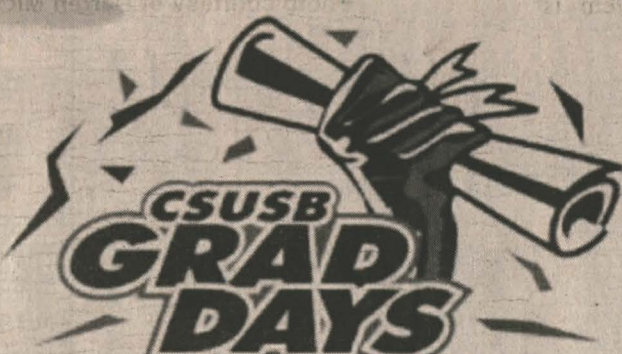
Dylan finally addressed the audience at the end of the show when introducing his band. Although the sound quality was not that great and the lighting was a mess, Dylan need not to impress anyone. He has and will go down in music history as the greatest songwriter we have ever seen. Still remaining a great mystery to us all, there is only one thing we can be sure of when it comes to Bob Dylan: He's still on the road, headin' for another joint.

His tour with Merle continues on through the spring. Check out bobb Dylan.com for more info.



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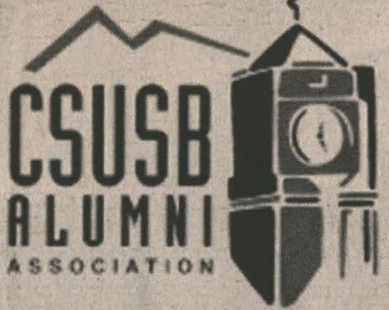
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Volunteer at CSUSB with Coyote Connection this spring

Jennifer Galvan
Multicultural Asst. Editor

The Coyote Connection organization is in full bloom this spring.

They are the newly chartered volunteer and community service group on campus.

The organization is involved with several activities off campus, helping the community in any way they can.

"The goal of Coyote Connection is to connect the students on campus with the surrounding off campus community through service," said Menya Cole, Coyote Connection President.

Other club officers include Vice President April O'Malley, Secretary Anel Flores, Treasurer Tara Cole, Judicial Chair Mark Darby, and Campus Advisor 'Dr. Diane Podolske.

Their project for the month of April allows them to work with the Girl Scouts by assisting with projects and handing out snacks.

They will need about two to four volunteers for each day that they will be working with the girls. There will be about 45 girls, ages 6-10 years old.

Volunteers can sign up for April 21 and 28 from 4:15-5:00 at Riley Elementary School, 1266 N. "G" St, San Bernardino 92405.

They will also be taking part in the Environmental Expo on April 21 and 22. If you want to be a part of the event make sure to contact Coyote Connection.



Courtesy of Coyote Connection

Members volunteering at the Martin Luther King Day Project.

The month of May will bring the opportunity to work with Support Our Troops, Relay for Life, and will include a visit to a convalescent home.

Other projects that the organization has already been involved with are Feed the Homeless Thanksgiving Celebration, Girl Scouts Council, I'm Going to College Project, Ronald McDonald House, Loma Linda Children's Hospital, Central City Lutheran Mission, Noodle Mania.

They held their first meeting on April 13, but do not worry if you could not make it.

"It's never too late to join," said Cole. She encourages everyone interested to contact her for more information.

If you cannot attend meetings you can still be a part of this philanthropic group.

Cole adds that you can still be a member through emails; they will provide you with information on the group and upcoming service projects for volunteers to attend.

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of Coyote Connection. It is a great way to meet new people and

contribute to your community.

Cole said, "Coyote Connection is more than a club; through our service projects we have formed bonds with one another - we're more like a family."

Also, be sure to look out for any projects that might be of interest to the organization.

"We don't focus on any one area of service. If someone needs our help, we'll be there. I think that's great because we are able to help more people as opposed to limiting ourselves," Cole said.

There are many things in the community that this group would want to get involved with, so do not hesitate to speak up.

All meetings will take place every other Thursday from 2:30-3:30 at the following locations: April 27 in the Eucalyptus room, May 11 in the Sycamore room, May 25 in the Eucalyptus room and June 8 in the Eucalyptus room. All are located in the lower Commons.

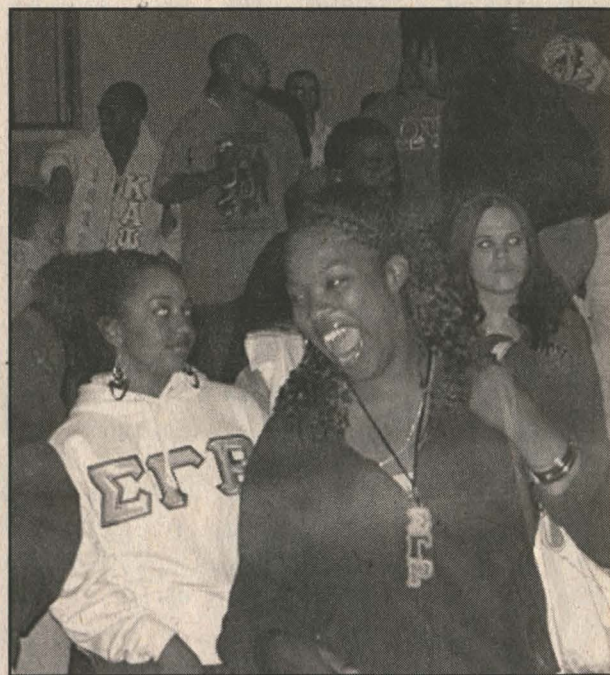
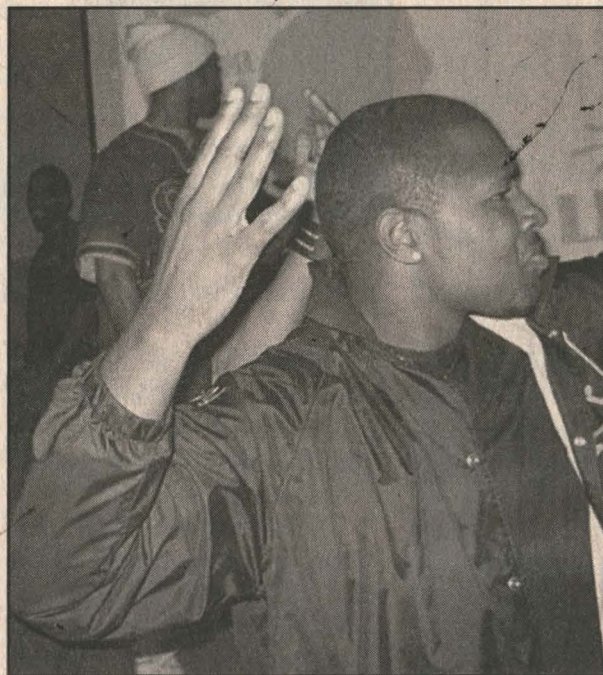
If you would like more information on Coyote Connection please contact Menya Cole at coleml@csusb.edu.

First Annual Snap Back



Malikah Riley/ Chronicle

The Afrikan Student Alliance hosted the first Annual Snap Back last Wed. in the Santos Manuel Student Union. CSUSB students presented their jokes in a battle against each other. The jokes ranged from "Yo Mamma is so fat..." to "You so Dumb...." The participants received gift certificates for keeping the crowd laughing and having fun.



Malikah Riley/ Chronicle

Members of Greek organizations attended the event to support. The organizations performed with strolls and step performances. Pictured are members of Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Gamma Rho.

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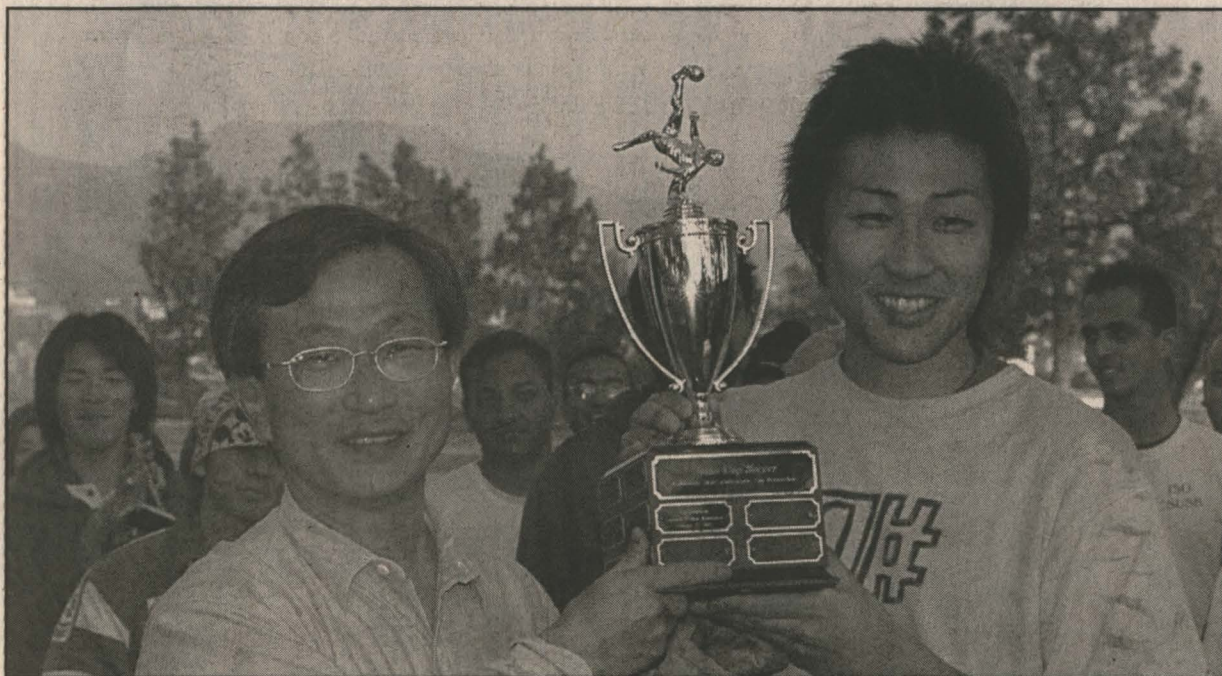
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Japanese Student Association hosts friendly competition



Juyong Jeong/ JSA

Pictured at the 2003 tournament: Dr. Kim and 2003's President of the Japanese Student Association, Akira.

Ashley A. Jones
Staff Writer

The Japanese Student Association (JSA) promotes cultural bonding through hosting the Asian Cup Tournament.

Spring 2006 marks the sixth annual Asian Cup Tournament hosted by the members of the JSA.

JSA holds 40 members who are of different nationalities, including Japanese, Korean and American students.

The tournament gathers the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Taiwanese student associations of CSUSB that participate in a competitive, but friendly series of soccer and volleyball games.

Grad students of CSUSB are also welcomed to participate.

There were 10 teams involved in the tournament this year.

There were four in the soccer tournament that was comprised of

both men and women. There were six teams that dominated in the volleyball tournament, with all teams comprised of women.

While the JSA's tournament promotes friendship and communication through sports, it also conveys the significance of learning different cultures.

Toshiyuki Iwase, JSA President, expressed what he believed were the benefits of the annual event.

He said it was a great opportunity to make friends with members of different countries.

Iwase also said, "The difference between us and our contenders is our culture. If you can understand your friend's culture, you can understand your friend."

Dr. Dong Man Kim, JSA advisor and Faculty member of CSUSB's Finance Department, explained why it is so important to reach out to people of different

backgrounds.

"If you never speak to people of other cultures, you may have developed judgments. If you've never seen me, how would you know me?", said Dr. Kim.

Dr. Kim looks forward to coordinating the tournament each year because the students continually appreciate the event and get a chance to enhance current and new friendships.

Iwase said, "We want to win, but we want to make other friends too."

JSA's next event will be The Sports Festival on Saturday April 22, 2006, where JSA, along with other So Cal college students from different campuses, will compete in a series of exciting games.

More information can be found in the Student Leadership Development office in the new Santos Manuel Student Union.

Circle K makes future leaders

Jason Palmer
Staff Writer

Circle K International is a community service based organization that promotes fellowship, leadership, and service.

Their mission is to develop college and university students into responsible citizens and leaders who have a lifelong commitment to serving the children of the world.

Circle K club is sponsored by a Kiwanis club. College and university students govern the organization at all levels.

A board of officers on the district level, and an International Board of Trustees comprise the leadership teams.

So far there are 42 paid mem-

bers and it's still growing.

Worldwide membership spans the globe with almost 300,000 members in about 8,000 clubs in 80 countries.

This organization was recently chartered at CSUSB in September of 2005.

Currently, the campus club receives many of their programs from a mentoring program of future leaders.

United Way also provides community service projects, fundraising events, and more.

President Logan Ledezma and members are presently working together on an upcoming project fundraiser for children.

Mario Aguirre VP said he wants his organization to grow and to "continue to recruit and diversify."

Circle K is considered more than just another campus activity to its members.

Students give their commitment and service to make the world a better place for children.

This club is very committed and will always have community service projects going on every month, said the club officers.

Also, their sponsors, the Kiwanis, raise money for scholarships.

Club members must invest 120 hours of community service during the whole year.

Meetings are held every week on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Union, room 215.

If you need more information on the clubs meetings or events, contact them through email at ckicsusb_mde@yahoo.com.



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April 17:

- 1521 - Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.
- 1861 - Virginia became the eighth state to secede from the Union.
- 1875 - The game "snooker" was invented by Sir Neville Chamberlain.
- 1964 - Jerrie Mock became first woman to fly an airplane solo around the world.
- 2002 - At the National Maritime Museum in London, the exhibit "Skin Deep - A History of Tattooing" opened.

April 18:

- 1910 - Walter R. Brookins made the first airplane flight at night.
- 1934 - The first Laundromat opened in Fort Worth, TX
- 1949 - The Republic of Ireland was established.
- 1955 - Albert Einstein died.
- 1999 - Wayne Gretzky (New York Rangers) played his final game in the NHL. He retired as the NHL's all-time leading scorer and holder of 61 individual records.

April 19:

- 1764 - The English Parliament banned the American colonies from printing paper money.
- 1938 - General Francisco Franco declared victory in the Spanish Civil War.
- 1958 - The San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers played the first major league baseball game on the West Coast.
- 1982 - NASA named Sally Ride to be first woman astronaut.
- 1994 - A Los Angeles jury awarded \$3.8 million to Rodney King for violation of his civil rights.

April 20:

- 1836 - The U.S. territory of Wisconsin was created by the U.S. Congress.
- 1879 - First mobile home (horse drawn) was used in a journey from London to Cyprus.
- 1916 - Wrigley Field opened in Chicago, IL.
- 1961 - FM stereo broadcasting was approved by the FCC.
- 1971 - The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

April 21:

- 753 BC - Today is the traditional date of the foundation of Rome.
- 1789 - John Adams was sworn in as the first U.S. Vice President.
- 1892 - The first Buffalo was born in Golden Gate Park
- 1994 - Jackie Parker became the first woman to qualify to fly an F-16 combat plane.
- 2000 - The 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act went into effect.

April 22:

- 1889 - At noon, the Oklahoma land rush officially started as thousands of Americans race for new, unclaimed land.
- 1931 - Egypt signed the treaty of friendship with Iraq.
- 1970 - The first "Earth Day" was observed by millions of Americans.
- 1976 - Barbara Walters became first female nightly network news anchor.

April 23:

- 1872 - Charlotte E. Ray became the first black woman lawyer.
- 1896 - The Vitascope system for projecting movies onto a screen was demonstrated in New York City.
- 1924 - The U.S. Senate passed the Soldiers Bonus Bill.
- 1985 - The Coca-Cola Company announced that it was changing its 99-year-old secret formula. New Coke was not successful, which resulted in the resumption of selling the original version.
- 1989 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar played his last regular season game in the NBA.

Student interests a priority

Jesus Igualete
Staff Writer

As I walked into the office that offers the best view in the Student Union, I saw a lot of people, some working on the computer, others working on posters and some just sitting around.

These people are the Student Union Program Board, and they run the show. The SUPB is the "organization" that arranges most of the events around school.

Today there are 13 members in what you can say is a very exclusive club.

"Sure there are 17,000 enrolled students and about 15 can join, but that doesn't mean they can't have input," Maria Gomez, SUPB member, said. "Besides, out of those 17,000 we only cater to students that are 18 to 22 year olds. The adult re-entry center takes care of the adults."

You could describe SUPB as Associated Student Body college style, where you discuss events, hold meetings and go on "retreats." Not many people know about SUPB. I asked 15 students that were randomly lined up in the Student Union Starbucks if they knew what SUPB was or if they had ever heard of it. "No, sorry, I've never heard of it," came their reply. Even though not many people know about SUPB, about 600 people went to the talent show put on by SUPB, and 200 people on average go to SUPB events.

The truth is that to join or

become a member of SUPB you have to apply and be interviewed twice as if for a job. For next year, SUPB will only take about 12 people.

According to SUPB's mission statement, their goal is to "To improve students' sense of 'belonging' to the Santos Manuel Student Union by providing fun activities such as movie showings, bands, karaoke and contests within the building. To develop Consultants' leadership abilities through training sessions, hands on event management experience, and team building opportunities. To improve Consultants' and students' self esteem. To develop Consultants' overall understanding of event management as it relates to budgets, marketing, negotiating, creativity, statistical reports, and research."

"We will have six new people, two assistants and three returnees," SUPB member Ruby Zermeno said.

Ericka Nunez Paddock, program coordinator for SUPB, said, "We only get funding for a certain amount of students, which is why we don't have more. There are plenty of other clubs and organizations who plan events on campus, where a student can get involved."

"Leadership opportunities for students are readily available; they just need to look into the areas that interest them," she said. "By the same token, we can't provide programs that interest all 17,000 students if all of them don't come for-

ward with what they want to see." Students that would like to have input can go to the Student Leadership and Development office in the Student Union.

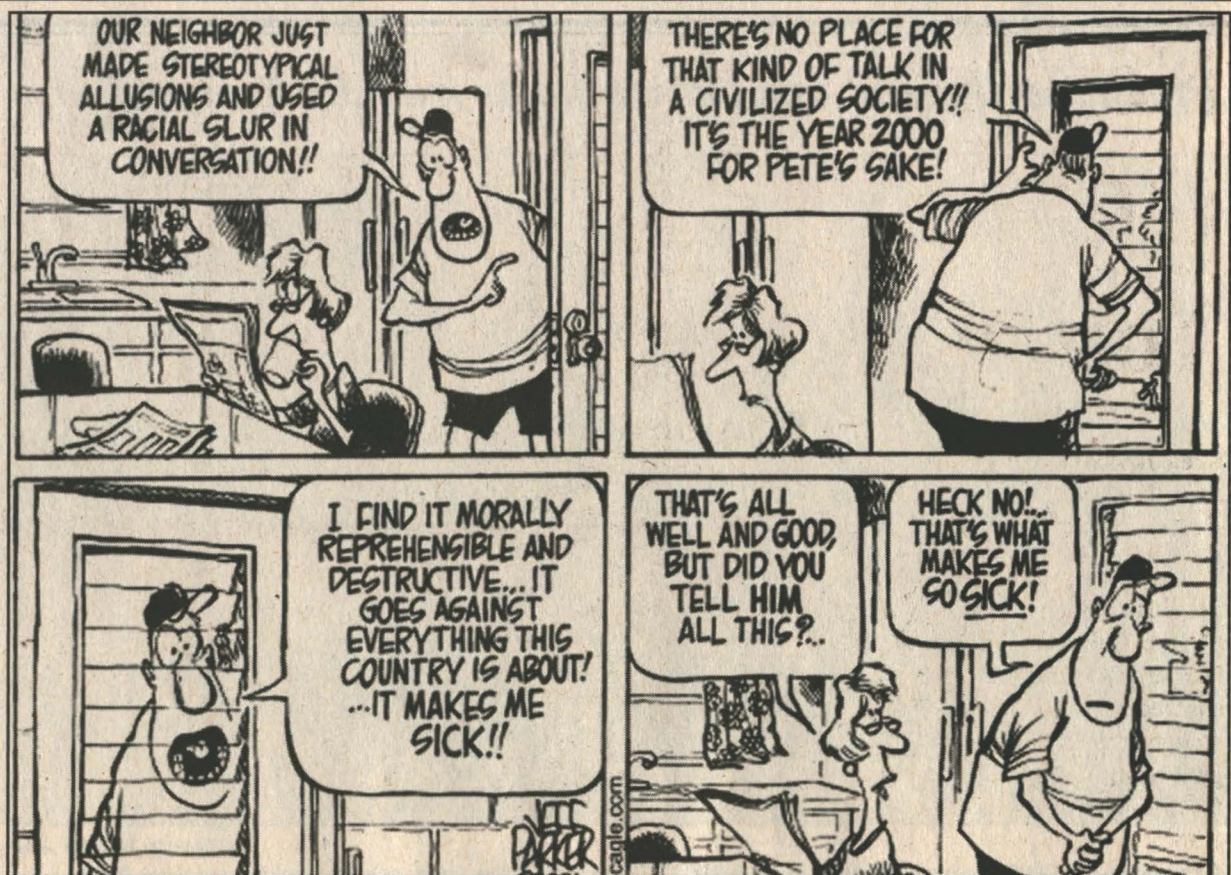
"A student who wanted for student music to be exhibited called and wanted something done about it. Now we are doing an event with the idea he had in mind and now he is going to be part of it. You can get something done," SUPB member Gomez said.

Surely SUPB is not the only club/organization in this school that has a limited amount of membership. If students want to get involved they'll find a way to join. Every tuition-paying student in this school deserves an opportunity to get into SUPB or any other club in school. They deserve to reap the benefits that their tuition money is providing and be able to go on retreats for the weekend like SUPB members went earlier this year for leadership classes.

SUPB has the right to admit people who want to be in SUPB and want to work hard and give their time to SUPB, because SUPB is a commitment which has to be honored.

"It's a sacrifice to be in SUPB. I wasn't able to attend all the things I wanted to attend because I had to be here in SUPB, but I want to be here, we all want to be here," Gomez said.

For those who want to get involved in SUPB you can get information in the student leadership and development office.



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Interracial intentions

Fortuna Mehari
Staff Writer

What do you think to yourself when you go out to the movies or dinner and you see an interracial couple? Do you look at them in disgust and with pity, or do you think that they make a beautiful couple?

There are many theories about why black men date white women, or vice versa, that exist in society. You may have heard something like, "Black men only date white women because they're intimidated by a strong, intelligent black women," or "Black men believe they have more freedom with a white woman." In contrast, some

believe that white men only date black women because they believe it might elevate their social status.

These theories are not necessarily true. Will a white woman really let her man get away with not coming home at night, or coming home with lipstick on his collar? Not a smart white woman! And does a white man believe he will appear cool and popular because he is dating a black woman? Not a smart white man!

There are many misconceptions about interracial dating because of the influence that society has on the way we live. Some people may feel societal or family pressure to oppose interracial relationships. People should decide to

spend their lives with someone because of the way they feel about the other person, not because of skin color. Some say that love is blind, well... indeed it is. It is difficult to know whether the person you fall in love with will be White, Black, Brown or Yellow. Thinking of interracial dating as a crime can result in losing out on getting to know some really great people.

Couples that are involved in an interracial relationship are able to look past what society believes, and are able step out of the typical boundaries. These couples should not be looked at with disgust, they should be admired. Love is complex, sometimes it does not need to be understood, only accepted.

white woman." In contrast, some relationships. People should decide to be understood, only accepted.



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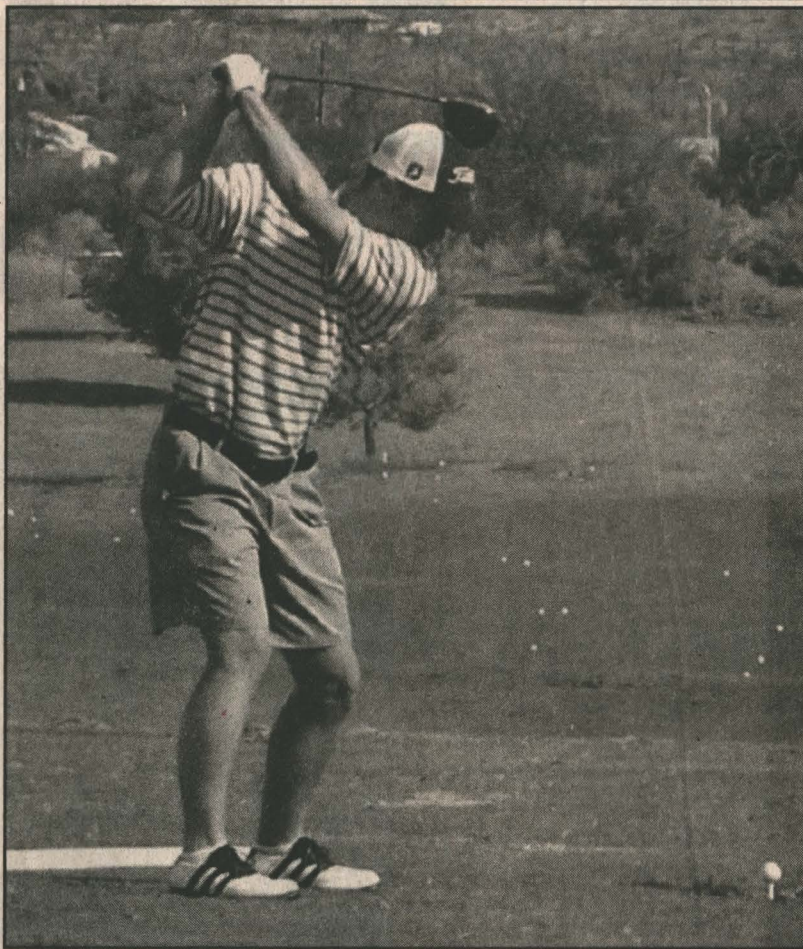
Shea Johnson
Staff Writer

With their third-place tie at the Stanislaus Golf Tournament April 11, the Cal State University San Bernardino men's golf team ensured it would earn its fourth straight top-five finish in a collegiate golf tourney. In fact, the Coyotes have not finished less than fifth in tournament play since the spring season began. This surge has the Coyotes ranked 22 in the nation by Golfstat.com.

CSUSB opened the 2004-2005 year with a 10th place finish at the Cal State Bakersfield winter tournament on September 12 & 13. They followed up with efforts of 14th at the Western Washington tournament and 10th at the Grand Canyon University winter tournament, respectively.

In January, Coach Greg Price resigned from his position for personal reasons. The university hired alumni and current interim Coach Tom Mainez Jr. to fill the vacant coaching spot. Mainez Jr. debuted as coach on February 28 at the Cal State Bakersfield spring tournament. Led by top-ten finishes from seniors Ryan Plummer and Bryan Newman, the Coyotes finished in second place. The finish was the best in the event since former Coach Price led the squad to a second place tie in 1999.

Following that strong play, the



Courtesy of Ryan Plummer

Surging: Sr. golfer Bryan Newm is working for that conference title.

Coyotes went to the 56th So Cal Intercollegiate Golf tourney where they finished fourth. senior Bryan Newman led CSUSB in the tourney, finishing fifth, shooting a 3 over par 73. The Coyotes recorded the most pars of all teams.

Their third straight top-five finish came at the Grand Canyon University Spring Invitational on April 4. The Coyotes actually had the lead after three rounds but a final round score of 291 bounced the squad into fourth.

Newman has been the most consistent player for the surging Coyotes.

He has finished with the team lead in four of the last six tournaments which includes a top ten showing at the Cal State

Bakersfield spring tourney.

Sophomore Dane Bagwell has finished in the top three of the team in five of the last six tournaments. He shot a 211 at the Grand Canyon University Spring Invitational, which was good enough to earn him fifth place in individual honors.

The Coyotes look to carry the momentum of four straight top-five finishes to the CCAA Conference Tournament next week, April 17-18 at the Hunter Ranch Golf Course in East Paso Robles.

In doing so, the Coyotes also look to avenge their slight defeat last season where they came within one stroke of the conference title.

'Yotes split with Otters

Courtesy of
Coyote Online

Cal State Monterey Bay (3-13 CCAA, 16-23) and visiting Cal State San Bernardino (8-8 CCAA, 15-24) split their CCAA softball doubleheader Saturday. The Otters won the opener 2-1, and the Coyotes took the nightcap 5-1.

Game 1 was a pitching duel. In the first inning, Krista Hernandez homered to left center field. Cal State Monterey Bay countered as Amy Layns belted a shot to right field. In the third inning with bases loaded, Jessica Boyle hit a sacrifice fly to center field to score Layns.

Rozz Rios gave up four hits, two runs and struck out two batters in six innings as she fell to 6-12. Boyle gave up four hits, one run and struck out three batters in seven innings to improve to 10-17. Michelle Asmundson and Layns had two hits each.

In Game 2, The Coyotes touched the Otters for four hits and five runs in the first three innings to seal the game. Boyle gave up two hits with one strikeout in four scoreless innings of relief. Asmundson, LeAnn Wacker and Megan Russo had two hits each.

Cal State San Bernardino is off until Friday when the Cal State Dominguez Hills Toros come calling for a doubleheader beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Featured athlete No. 2 Megan Spano 5-8, junior Shortstop/3B San Dimas.

2005: Spano split her playing time between shortstop and first base for the Coyotes, batting .208

with one homer, five doubles and 14 RBI. She had a fielding percentage of .949 with 17 errors in 343 chances while participating in 15 double plays.

Before Cal State: She played for Mount San Antonio Community College as a freshman on a team that was a state championship finalist.

High School: The 2003 graduate of San Dimas High School played two years each of volleyball, tennis and soccer

And played four years of softball, earning all-league honors as

her team won a CIF championship.

Personal: Spano is majoring in sociology with an emphasis on social work. Her parents are Marta Meek and Sam Spano. She has a brother and a sister.

Favorites: Music group-individual - Ataris; Video game - Mario Cart; Treat - ice cream;

Pro athlete - Derek Jeter; Vacation destination - Florida; Fast food - Wienerschnitzel;

Movie - "Phantom of the Opera."; Film/TV star - Kirsten Dunst; TV program - Sex & The City.



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Small Ball: Lady 'Yotes looking to get over 500. in conference play.

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Ryan Plummer: Featured Athlete, senior golfer
In a Nutshell: Ryan Plummer has struggled with injuries this past year, which limited his playing to only five tournaments in 2004-05. He averaged 77 strokes per round, with a low round of 69 at the Cal State Bakersfield Fall Invitational. Another struggle was the loss of a coach and the gain of another. Plummer says that during the fall the team struggled with the change in coaches, but a new coach rejuvenated the team and they began playing to their potential.

With the new addition of Coach Tom Mainez Jr., Plummer feels that the team is finally playing well. Plummer said, "Coach Mainez has inspired us to improve and the team enjoys this new attitude. Our determination and motivation has brought the team back and has helped with individual and teamwork."

Age: 22

Hometown: Winnemucca, Nev.

High school: Lowry High

Major: Communications Studies

Favorite athlete: John Daily

Favorite musical artist:

Ludacris

Free time: Playing poker and hanging out with friends and teammates.

Favorite movie: Friday Night Lights

Most exciting moment: "My senior year in high school I went to Florida for Juniors National Tournament. Just a few weeks ago for spring break, I took a trip to Rosarito with friends and that was really exciting."

Favorite TV show: Seinfeld

Most memorable sports

moment: "When I was 16 I got my first hole in one, it was a really exciting moment for me."

Hobbies: Wake boarding, camping, and working-out

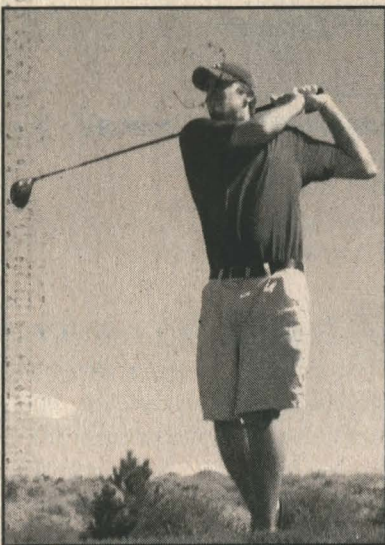
Other sports played:

"Throughout high school I played basketball and I enjoy playing and watching baseball as well."

Honors attained: State champion in 2000 and team MVP all three years in high school. Plummer was an NCAA West Regional qualifier in 2004.

Aspirations for the remainder of this year: "Continue to play well as a team and also have fun in my senior year at CSUSB." Future goals: After finishing his senior year, Plummer will be turning pro in Jan. 2007 and he hopes to be successful in the PGA Tour.

As told to
Lorena Macias
Staff Writer



Courtesy of Michelle Berlin
Ace: Sr. Ryan Plummer knows his way around a golf course.

Five-run ninth caps comeback

Justin Hixson
Staff Writer

According to Coyote Online, CSUSB rallied for five runs in the ninth inning on Tuesday to record an 8-5 come-from-behind victory over Biola University in a non-conference collegiate baseball game at the Eagles' ballpark.

Ten men came to the plate for the Coyotes in the pivotal inning as CSUSB banged out four hits. Rego Nieto drove in two of the runs with a single while Brad Croxton accounted for another on a base hit. A hit batsman with the bases loaded and an error produced the other two runs.

The game result was a form of payback for the 13-1 pasting the Eagles, ranked No. 4 in the nation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics poll, handed the Coyotes in San Bernardino earlier this season. The loss dropped the Eagles to 24-9 on the season.

CSUSB was 17-12 heading into Thursday's opener of a four-game series with Cal State Dominguez Hills at 2 p.m. at

Fiscalini Field in San Bernardino.

The Coyotes used six pitchers in the game with reliever Derek Baker credited with the win.

This weeks featured athlete, 6-1, Senior, Third Base/ Shortstop, Jake Puckett. Puckett, a senior is the vocal leader of the Coyotes. Puckett has helped lead the Coyotes to six straight victories, as the team heads into conference play.

During this past weekend, Puckett went to battle against the Toro's of Cal State Dominguez Hills. What makes these games a little more special is the fact that Jake's little brother, Cody, is a starting infielder for the Toro's. Bragging rights are on the line.

I had the opportunity to talk to Jake and ask him a few questions about his personal life, the team and how his parents will solve the problem of determining which team to root for.

How does it feel playing against your brother: It gets me pumped; we talked about it all summer. The adrenaline will be going.

Who will your parents be

rooting for: Probably my little brother, they like him better, just kidding, they will root for us both to play well.

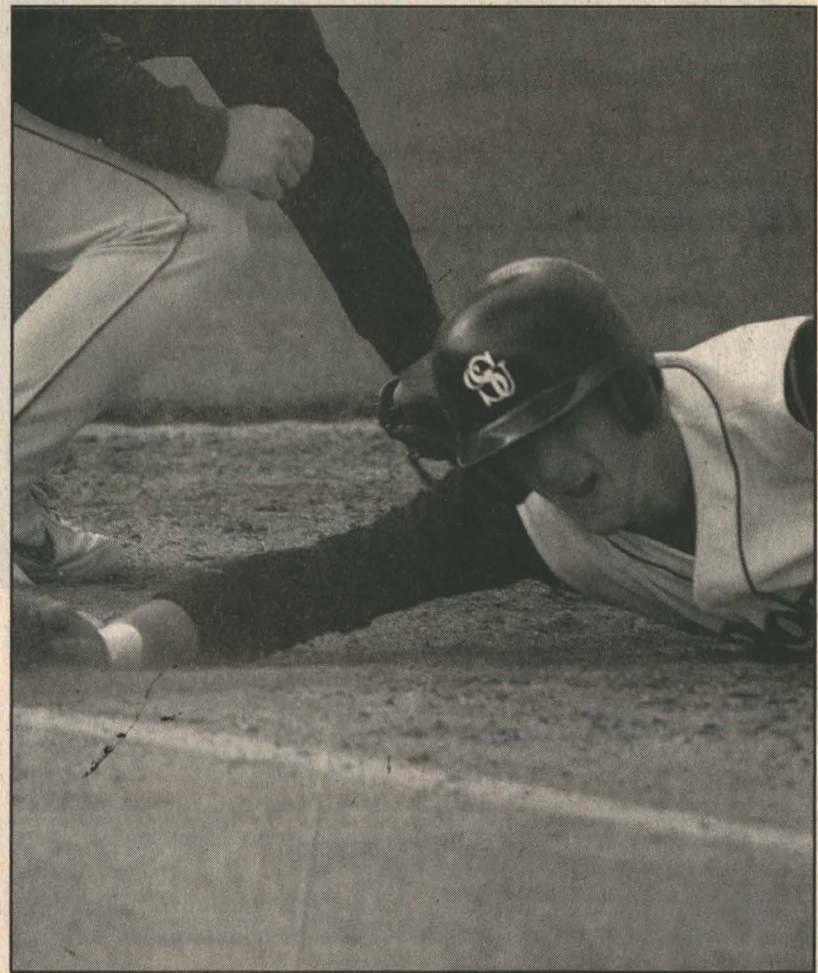
Most Memorable Sports Moment: Getting the game winning hit, in the bottom of the ninth, with two outs and the bases juiced, against San Francisco State.

Pre-Game Rituals: Before taking the field, gather the team together and get a chant going. I come up with a different one every game.

How far can this team go: If we play our game, which is the way we have been playing of late, there is no limit to how far we can go. We can win conference and go to regional.

How do you feel about the steroids issue in Major League Baseball: I have no problem with it. It was not illegal when Barry Bonds took the performance enhancers. Bonds is the best hitter I have ever seen, and I hope he breaks the record.

You cannot performance enhance hand eye coordination, and that's what you need to be a great hitter.



Robert Whitehead/CSUSB

Get Drity: Sr. Jake Puckett avoids the tag during the pick-off.

Shutout at the Davis shootout

Courtesy of
Coyote Online

Cal State San Bernardino's women's water polo team was outscored 20-7 Sunday and suffered losses to Cal State Bakersfield and 20th-ranked Santa Clara on the final day of the 26th annual UC Davis Shootout.

In the morning match, the Roadrunners limited the Coyotes to just one goal in the first three periods while taking a 3-1 lead and then outscored them 5-3 in the final seven minutes for an 8-4 win. Sarah Reneker had a pair of goals for the Coyotes.

In the afternoon match, Santa Clara scored three goals in each period en route to a 12-3 win over the Coyotes. Tina Torres, Reneker and Amy de Jonckheere scored the three Coyote goals. Heather Dohy had 11 saves in goal in the two matches.

CSUSB finished up the tournament 0-4 and slipped to 19-15 on the season, but three of their

losses were to nationally-ranked teams. The Coyotes were outscored 39-15 in the four matches. Reneker, the all-America senior, had six goals in the tourney. CSUSB will play its final home match of the season on Thursday against Cal Baptist.

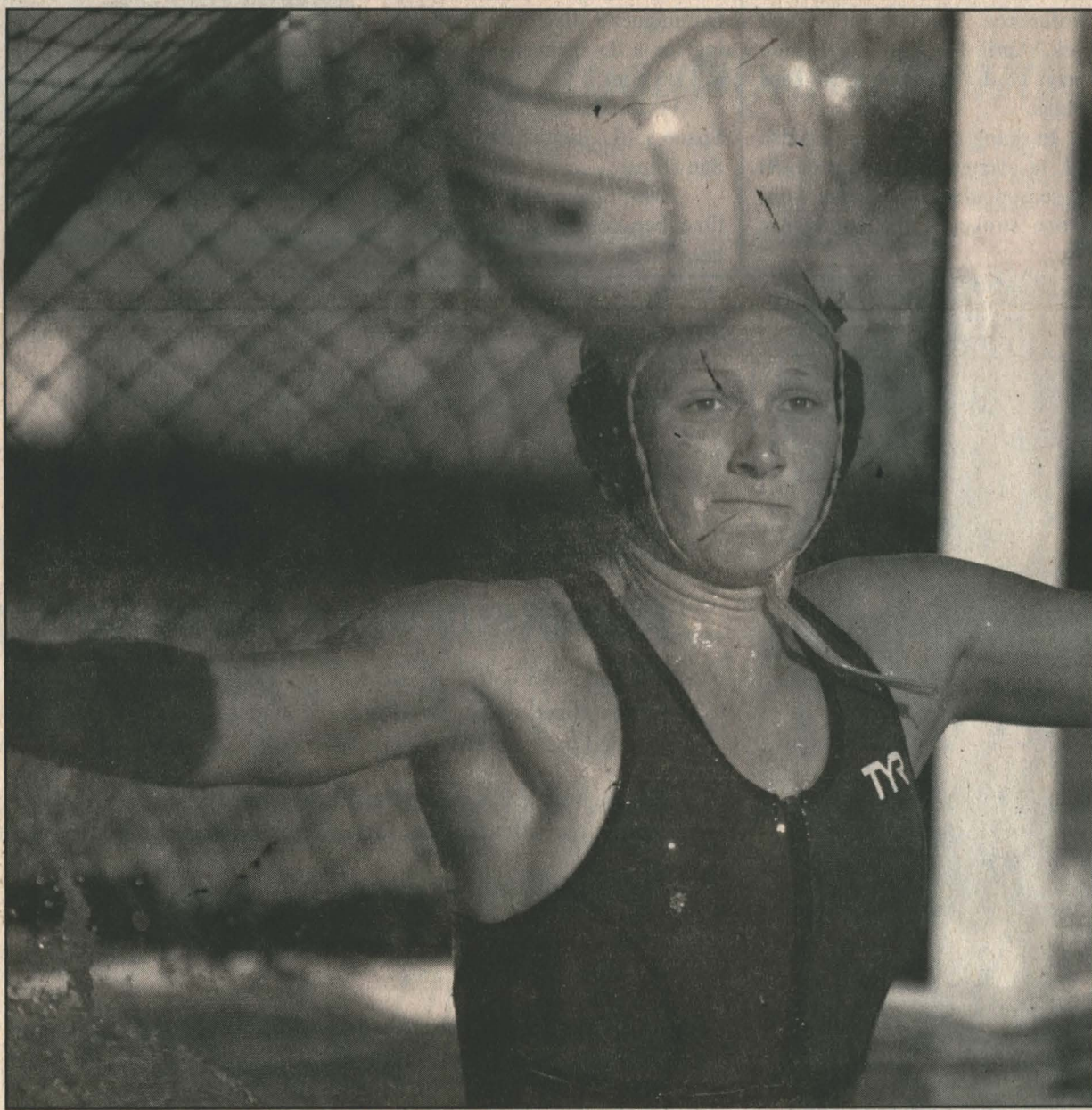
Box Scores:

Cal State Bakersfield 8, Cal State San Bernardino 4, CS Bakersfield goals: Emma Keogh, Amanda Ortiz 2, Yulia Blinetskaya 2, Leah Walton, Mindi Mason, Kelly Bowling. Saves: Tataiana Yakhuna 10.

CSUSB goals: Sarah Reneker 2, Kacey Carruthers, Freyja Berg. Saves: Heather Dohy 5. Sanat Clara 12, Cal State San Bernardino 3

Santa Clara goals: Bryn Asher 2, Katie Radvanyi 2, Brianna Anderson 2, Amy Lamb, Lindsey Bocolini, Kendra Bethke, Andrea Evans, Claire Linney, Charlie Miller. Saves: Kristen Barnes 9.

CSUSB goals: Tina Torres, Sarah Reneker, Amy de Jonckheere. Saves: Heather Dohy 6.



Robert Whitehead/CSUSB

Queen of the Cage: Jr. Heather Dohy combined for 11 saves in the Davis Shootout.

Tennis is all heart

Matt Phelps
Staff Writer

The CSUSB Women's Tennis team's season has come to a close. All the adrenaline and excitement from the season has been over as of April 15. Now it's time for the players to get ready for next season.

This was the first season for head coach Heather Lehman. Heather graduated from CSUSB in 2004 and was a star player on the tennis team. She was the most successful tennis player in the history of CSUSB.

She has 30 singles matches' victories and 25 doubles match victories to her credit. Between the years of 1996-2000, CSUSB's women's tennis had only won six matches. In her four seasons on the team she was able to help capture a total of 24 victories.

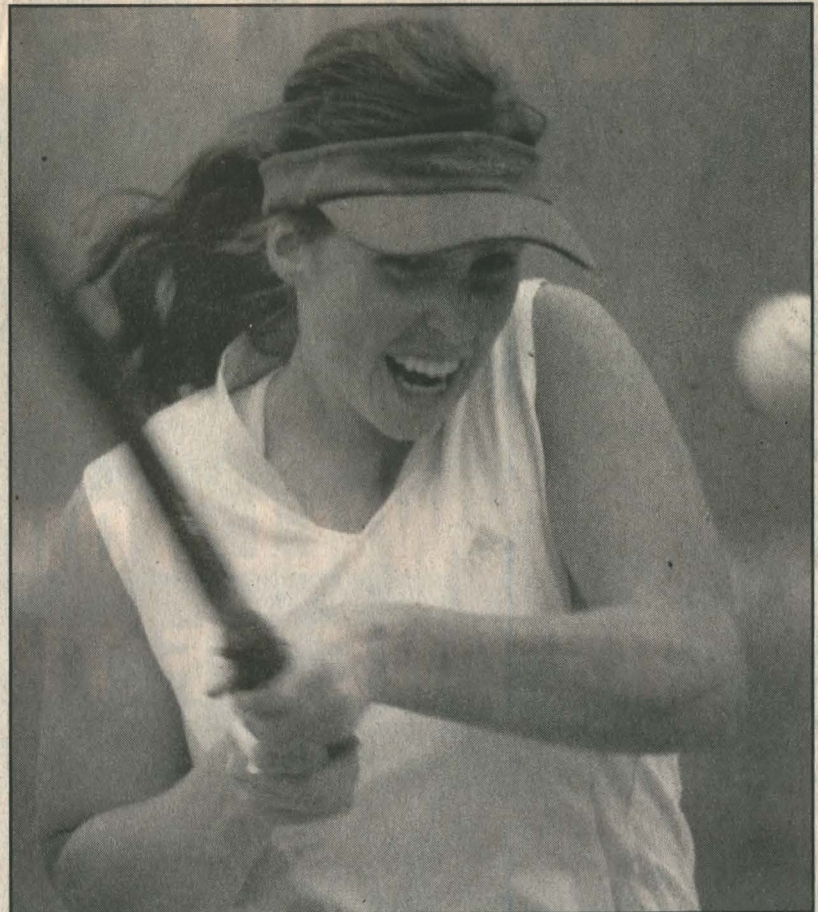
She acted as an assistant to Tom Starzyk in 2004-2005 and was then asked to step up to head coach when Tom Starzyk decided to resign after seven years as coach. She followed in the footsteps of her father who coaches basketball at Cajon High School. In her first season as head coach she led the team to four victories with nine losses as of April 13, 2006.

Lehman had some key players that returned this season. One of the key players is Jennifer Joy. She was voted CCAA Freshman of the Year and CCAA All-First Team and had a record of 13-3 when playing No.1 singles. She also ranked 18th in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Joy is majoring in nutrition and food science and wants to use that knowledge to become a sports dietitian and nutritionist.

Corissa Cooks is another player that returned from last year. She posted a 5-7 singles record and a 6-6 record in doubles in 2005. She paired with Jennifer Joy in her doubles matches. Cooks is majoring in entrepreneurial management and enjoys shopping, exercising and going to the beach in her spare time.

Even though the season is over, it is a perfect time to look to the next season and reflect on this season. Here is what coach Lehman had to say about the 2006 season.

"I am just thrilled at this seasons results so far. I have a great group of girls who are willing to put in the extra hard work, and it is paying off. All nine girls play with heart when they are on the court, and love the sport. We are off to a great start to have another successful season next year."



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Sound the Horn: Fr. Leslie Horn is making some noise.